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GOVT HASTENS EVACUATION

Decision On Red Terms Expected This Week

ANOTHER PEACE MISSION?

Nanking, January 17.

In face of the growing Communist threat, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist regime today hastened evacuations, especially of military personnel, diverting Nanking's importance as a military nerve centre.

Meanwhile a Government decision on a response to the Chinese Reds' eight conditions for peace is expected by Thursday after the Central Political Council meets for the second time to take up the question left unsettled in today's session.

The Government will send General Chang Chih-chung, Inner Cabinet Minister, as special representative to Yenan, former Communist capital, within a few days to discuss concrete steps for peace negotiations, according to the Nanking Chinese newspaper, Mi Jih Evening Post. The report was not confirmed.

Members of the Kuomintang's highest policy-making body, the Central Political Council, were reported to be sharply divided today when they met in camera to debate whether the Nationalist Government should continue the war with the Communists or make a new peace offer.

The Council reached no decision and will meet again on Thursday.

The Elder Statesman, Mr. Chu Cheng, one of the Kuomintang Party founders, sharply criticised the absence from today's meeting of President Chiang Kai-shek and Dr. Sun Fo, Prime Minister, Mr. Chu took the chair in the President's absence.

Criticism

Dr. Sun Fo arrived later after he was said to have been telephoned by a friend.

According to reliable informants, Mr. Chu went on to criticise military leaders for deserting part of the Nationalist forces to the Communists and to declared that he would never go to Taiwan.

The former Foreign Minister, Dr. Wang Shih-chieh, well known as one of the President's closest political supporters, was reported to have told the meeting that peace with the Communists while the Nationalists were in their present position could obtain no guarantees for China.

According to reliable sources the Government's answer to Mao Tze-tung's eight-point programme is likely to be either in the form of a public announcement by the President, or the despatch of a Government delegation to contact the Reds to make arrangements for talks.

The former is believed to be more likely, however, due to the Generalissimo's desire to keep the people informed of major developments in the peace movement.

Today's meeting was indecisive with the debate centring around instructions to be handed to the cabinet as requested by Premier Sun Fo who made a simple request of guidance from the Council on the response to the Communist conditions.

Decision Delayed

The Premier asked for direction to furnish the cabinet with instructions on a reply to be made to a request of 60 members of the Legislative Yuan who wrote a letter to Dr. Sun asking for the appointment of suitable representatives to make immediate contact with the Communists to begin peace talks.

The majority of Council members were reliably reported to be in favour of asking for a cease-fire order as the first requisite to begin peace talks. But the delay in reaching a decision was reported to have been caused by the insistence of some Council members that the Government must first decide what policy it will pursue when the delegates sit down with the Reds.

Advocates of this procedure asserted that complete blueprints of the Government's peace programme must be drafted before any approach to the Reds to end all fighting in order to arrange a peace conference.

Today's meeting is also believed to have found in the minority those who were urging outright rejection of all-Red conditions.

At the same time it is generally believed the Reds will insist that peace talks must precede a cease-fire as far as they are concerned.

Following yesterday's action of 60 members of the Legislative Yuan petitioning Premier Sun Fo to despatch adelegation to the Communists for direct negotiations on peace conference arrangements, a group of National Assembly members now in Nanking today appealed to President Chiang to support demands for a cease-fire, and, at the same time, asked both sides to end the propaganda warfare.

The appeal also proposed that non-partisans, as well as members of parties other than the Kuomintang, be allowed to participate in the peace discussions.

Mr. Carson Chang, leader of Social Democrats who conferred with the Generalissimo today, was reported to have advised Chiang he deserved a vacation, and at the same time advocated revision of the constitution, with articles guaranteeing people's right to be left untouched.

It was learned that academic circles in Nanking were planning appeals to both sides to stop fighting immediately and begin negotiations for permanent peace.

The Social Welfare Daily, in an editorial, commented that although the gap between the Nationalists and Communists is very wide one thing is certain—both want peace.

Meanwhile government section evacuations from Nanking were stepped up, and the National Defence Ministry and the Gendarme headquarters were the latest military organs to slash their personnel to the minimum.

Move To Canton

The National Defence Ministry planned to move to Canton where it will be housed in the Canton Provincial Government house. The Army headquarters is to be evacuated to Shaokwan, a small town near Canton.

The Gendarme headquarters will also be moved to Canton. The bulk of the air force and navy headquarters had already shifted to Taiwan, leaving only skeleton personnel with Commanders Chow Chi-jou and Kwei Yung-chin in Nanking.

In the light of Government plans to abandon positions North of the Yangtse River and concentrate on the South bank of the river, the Nationalists apparently are grappling with the problem whether or not to leave a small force on the North bank of the river to harass anticipated Communist crossing operations and defend the main ferry points.

It was learned that Navy Commander Kwei Yung-chin, responsible for river defence and General Teng En-po, Nanking-Shanghai area garrison commander, in charge of the South bank defence, were at loggerheads on this point.

Admiral Kwei was said to have suggested that without a task force on the North bank it would be difficult for his naval vessels to check crossing attempts.—United Press and Reuter.

Molotov Sees China Envoy

Nanking, January 17.

The Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. V. Molotov, has sent for the Chinese Ambassador, Mr. Fu Ping-chan, in Moscow and discussed the China situation, according to usually reliable sources here today.

Russia's view was believed to have been given on China's recent aide memoire to the Big Four powers, suggesting that they might individually or collectively lend their good offices to achieve a cease-fire with the Chinese Communist armies.

Details of the discussion were believed to have been sent to Nanking.

The report has strengthened the belief in some Kuomintang circles favouring peace, that Russia might be willing to lend its good offices if the Kuomintang Government made another more liberal peace offer in answer to Mao Te-tung's eight point terms.—Reuter.

Govt Forces Complete Withdrawal

Nanking, January 17.

Government troops have evacuated Linhwaikwan, Wuho and Szehsien, completing their withdrawal from the skeleton Hwai River outer defence line, about 100 miles North of Nanking, according to reliable military sources today.

Other reports from North China said that General Lin Piao's Communist forces which took Tientsin were splitting and moving rapidly East and West to intensify Communists attacks on Tangku and Peiping.

Observers said it was unlikely that the two cities would hold out for more than one week.

Hualyuan and Pengpu on the Eastern end of the Hual river line were earlier reported evacuated and occupied by advancing Communists of General Chen Yi's armies that defeated the Nationalist Hsuchow garrison.

Serious Shortage

The loss of Hualyuan, which provided Nanking's main coal supplies, has created a serious situation in the capital. Reliable sources said today that only 6,000 tons of coal were held at Pukow to generate the city's electricity and pumping water supplies.

Unless coal was obtained from Shanghai, the capital would be without light and water within 10 days. Electricity is already limited to a few hours each day.

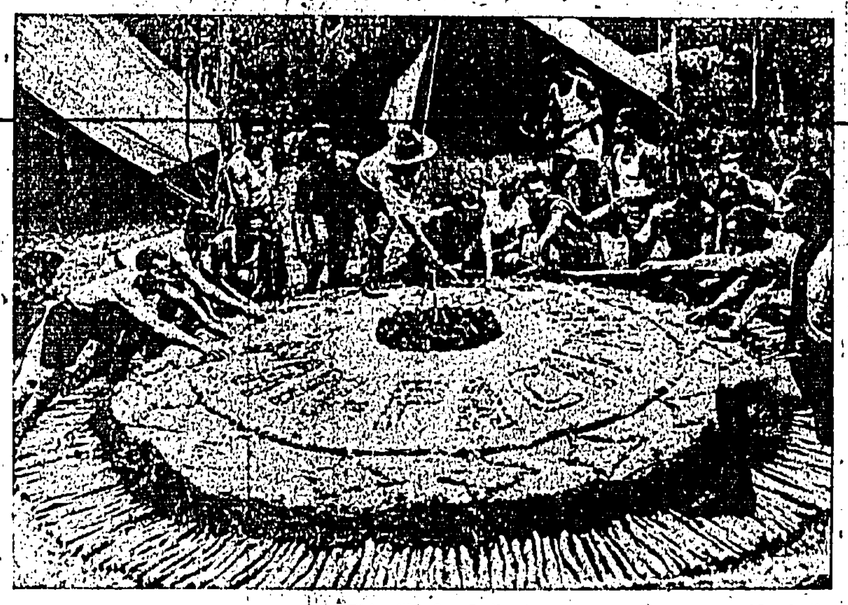
Nanking residents, who intend to stay in the threatened capital, are busily erecting water tanks improvised from petrol drums and private electric generator plants.

An official survey is being made of the city's oil stocks.

The Communist advance to the Yangtse River is expected by some observers to be made in two directions. The immediate objective of the Communists was believed to be the seizure intact of the Pengpu-Pukow Railway. That would give them transport facilities down to the North bank of the Yangtse.

To secure the railway, it was expected that the Communist Command would use locally organised underground movements and sappers, who have been harassing Nationalist evacuation trains.—Reuter.

Scouts Bake Jamboree Cake



This "iced-cake" affair is a conference table built by Lithuanian scouts at the Pan-Pacific Jamboree at Wonga Park, Melbourne, Australia. The "table," around which the scouts sit in a shallow trench, is built on a foundation of brushwood and decorated with stones and broken glass. The Lithuanian boys are all migrants to Australia. They were among 5,000 Boy Scouts attending the Jamboree, which was opened by World Chief Scout, Lord Rowallan. Besides Australian boys, there were Pakistan, Maori, Fijian, Filipino and Malay Scouts encamped at Wonga Park.—AP Photo.

Leader Of Pirate Gang Arrested

The leader of the gang of pirates who made a futile attempt to seize the mv. Kwei Shan last week is among the seven arrested by the Chinese Police, Mr. Lai Ju-mei, veteran skipper of the river motorship said yesterday on his arrival from Canton.

The Kwei Shan brought about 900 passengers—about twice the number who underwent a 30-minute piracy attempt aboard the ship on her last trip from Canton.

"The people realise that it is quite safe to travel now with stricter vigilance by ship's guards," the former Chinese Navy commander said.

However, from today the Kwei Shan will leave Canton at 5 p.m. —five hours earlier than usual, as a precaution.

The vessel left Canton last week-end at 9 p.m., instead of 10 p.m. She will depart from here at her usual time (10 p.m.)

The Kwei Shan berthed alongside her sister ship, the mv. Kwei Hai. A little smaller than the Kwei Shan, the vessel is on the Hong Kong-Kongmoon run of the Kwangsi Navigation Company. The Kwei Hai was mined some time in 1947 when 40 passengers and crew were killed. She has been reconverted into a de luxe Chinese passenger river motorship.

The Kwei Shan participated in the opening of the Elliot Passage. She made a trial run round Honam Island, with the aluminium superstructured river vessel, Chi Men, which is joining this run in the near future.

"The passage is better than the Maitland Passage," Mr. Lai declared. It cuts the travelling time by about 20 minutes. It is wider and safer.

PLANE CRASHES IN SCOTLAND

Glasgow: January 17.

Five people were reported killed when a plane, believed to be American, crashed today in the Argylleshire highlands, Scotland.

The aircraft, with 20 persons aboard, was flying to Iceland. The injured were being brought down the rough mountainside, strapped to stretchers.—Reuter.

Strikers Reported To Be Demanding Further Concessions

Contrary to previous announcements, the strike of former taxi drivers has not yet been settled, the "China Mail" learned from usually reliable sources yesterday.

It was reported that the Motorcars Drivers' Union has put forward additional demands which the operators are not prepared to accept.

According to the informants, the owners were asked at a meeting of the Labour Commissioner, Chinese members of the Legislative Council and the managements of the taxi companies on January 11 to make further concessions in order to settle the dispute.

The next day, the owners wrote to the Labour Commissioner, indicating their willingness to reinstate 227 men instead of 283, to pay the men $6.75 a day, and to extend the period of notice of dismissal from one to two weeks. This agreement, they made it clear, was subject to the Union's not presenting further demands.

When the Labour Commissioner met the Union's representatives at the Confucian Hall on January 13, these terms were notified to the men and it was then stated that the terms were agreeable.

On January 15, a letter was received by the owners saying that the Labour Commissioner had received a notification from the Union that the balloting of members for re-employment would be confined only to those former drivers who were still unemployed and still in the Colony.

The Union, furthermore, stated that should any member(s) drawn for re-instatement be unavailable, then his (their) place(s) are to be filled by a further drawing from among those remaining on the list.

Insist On Tribunal

The Union also insisted that should the management desire to dismiss an employee for any reason, that employee must appear before a tribunal consisting of representatives of the Labour Office, the managements and the Union, to present his case.

These additional demands, according to the informants, were unacceptable to the operators who have notified the Labour Commissioner to that effect. The employers insist on the right to fill at their own discretion all future vacancies, including those caused by men drawn for re-employment and not taking up the jobs, either among their former employees or new hands, they say.

The "China Mail" further learned that during the last two or three days, several former employees have applied for, and been given back, their old jobs. When the Union came to hear of this, it was alleged, a demand was made to the men to refund all monetary allowances given them during the period of their unemployment. Some of these men failed to report for work.

According to some of the former drivers, the Union made it clear that all members re-instated would have to contribute $1.25 each daily toward the upkeep of the remaining 231 men.

British Promise To Malayans

Singapore, January 17.

Britain looks forward to the day when Malayans take their place beside other self-governing people in the British Commonwealth.

This was stated today by the British Commissioner-General for South East Asia, Mr. Malcolm Macdonald.

"That is a promise," he declared in a radio address.

"We shall not break it. But just as we shall not run away from our promises, so also we shall not run away from our responsibilities in Malaya."

The British accorded Malaya partial self-government last February.

Mr. MacDonald said that the British, with local consent, assume the weighty duties of internal administrations and external relations.

"In partnership and friendship with you we shall stay as long as you think it is necessary for the fulfillment of our tasks."

He said Communist insurgents now fighting the British here wish to capture this country for foreign rule.

"You and I are working toward a government of the people of Malaya, by the people of Malaya, for the people of Malaya. They (the Communists) do not like that. They want a government of the people of Malaya, by Chinese thugs, for Russian commissars."—Associated Press.

S. African Racial Riots Show Signs Of Spreading

Durban, January 17.

The race warfare here showed signs of spreading today even as Government leaders set up machinery to control the wild Zulu-Indian rioting.

The air still rang with shots in Durban, where police fired on African looters last night, but police later said the murderous feud was under control here.

Three more Indian houses were set alight tonight in the Cato Manor area of Durban, the principal centre of the past three days of rioting between Africans and Indians.

In all up to midday today, more than 100 people were officially reported killed and about 1,000 injured.

The district police commandant, Major G. Bestford, said that while Durban itself continued quiet, armed Indians and Africans were causing trouble in the outlying districts.

Two Africans were killed and three injured when a group of armed Indians attacked them at Clairwood this morning. Police headquarters reported one death during the riots today at Stanger, 80 kilometres from Durban.

The Minister of Justice, Mr. C. R. Swart, said in Durban today before leaving Durban for Capetown: "I have no evidence of any organised movement behind the riots." He will report to the South African Cabinet in Capetown tomorrow.

The Minister said it was significant that only Indian shops were damaged, though European shops next to them remained intact.

Zulu Appeals

Cyprian Shekusini, chief of the Usutu tribe and the accepted "king" of the Zulus, appealed today to his people to stop the bloodshed and destruction to property.

"It is my earnest wish that this trouble be settled in a peaceful way," he declared.

The Durban Sunday Tribune said today that the main causes of the riots had been apparent for years. "What has happened and is happening is that the native has burst the bonds of frustration."

The Johannesburg Sunday Express said all the evidence from Durban pointed to nothing more complicated or mysterious than a sudden reversion to their immediate past of the Zulu people.

The Sunday Express added that newspaper reports and pictures of the outbreak should be posted on the United Nations committee room to show the world that South Africa is struggling with problems moe terrible and realistic than those which can be settled by political theorising.

The Natal Witness, the oldest newspaper in Natal, wrote: "Whatever South Africans may feel about Indians in general and the Asiatic land tenure question in particular, it is their duty as civilised peoples to protest against the persecution of a minority.

"The existence of foreign agents in this country has been suspected for some time, and while it is common knowledge that one of their aims was to stir up racial animosities and political discord, they have not in the past succeeded in organising the native population into anything like a disciplined army of rebels."

The paper sympathised with the Indian victims.—Associated Press and Reuter.

Fowlhouse Morality

Sydney, January 17.

Australian churchmen are today strongly supporting the boycott movement against the Hollywood actress, Miss Rita Hayworth.

The Rev. Alan Walker, Methodist, who was Australian representative at the World Council of Churches conference at Amsterdam, said "Hayworth's fowlhouse morality should not go unchallenged. Her actions further undermine the standards of chastity and the sanctity of marriage."

The Rev. Dr. C. Irving Benson, Methodist, Melbourne, said "It is refreshing to find Hollywood is recognising there are limits to tolerance which even Hollywood laxity could not let go unrebuked."

The Rev. J. Arthur Lewis of the Melbourne Baptist Church had this to say: "Hollywood's morals stink throughout the world and the sooner we begin to clean them the better. But why stop at Hayworth when there are dozens of others just as bad."—United Press.

The Weather

At 0600 GMT (8 p.m. HKST) pressure remains high over NW China and in a ridge extending from E China to Japan. A trough of low pressure appears to be developing from SW to across NE China. The tropical depression is either starting or moving slowly Northwards and is weakening.

Today's Forecast:—Moderate NE winds, becoming light and variable. Fine and hazy, becoming cloudy later.

Yesterday's Weather:—

Maximum: 68.8 deg. Fah.
Minimum: 47.8 deg. Fah.
Sunshine: 9.8 hours.
Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1—2.0 mm.=0.08 inch as against an average of 17.4 mm.=0.69 inch.

Readings at	10 a.m.	4 p.m.
Baro. at m.s.l.	1027.1	1022.6 m.b.
Equals	30.33	30.20 inches
Rel. Humidity	84	65 %
Dew Point	58	48 deg. F.
Wind Direction	ENE	E
Wind Force	15	10 knots.
Tides—	Time	Ht.
High	1254	4.6
	2345	7.6
Low	0615	0.3
	1709	5.1

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Committal Proceedings On Rape, Assault Charges

The sordid story of how she was criminally assaulted by three men, alleged to be the accused, four times in succession within an hour or so, was told by a 24-year-old self-confessed prostitute in Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr's court yesterday.

Another story of how he was set upon and robbed of $50, a lighter, and a propelling pencil, was related by Leading Telegraphist Leslie George Cubitt, HMS Tamar, in the same committal proceedings against Joseph McGuiness, Vincent Judge, and William James McConway, seamen of HMS Encore, on five charges of rape, assault and robbery.

Detective Sub-Inspector W. H. Summers said that at about midnight on January 3, the three accused and an American merchant seaman took rickshaws from the Red Lion Inn to Woosung Street, looking for girls.

Their arrival at Woosung Street coincided with that of Lee Yuk-ngo and Lee Wai-king, two girls, who were walking towards a wooden hut at Woosung Street. The men followed the girls and on arrival at the hut, McGuiness and the American followed the girls in.

There was some conversation between the first accused and the American, as the result of which some money passed between the American and Lee Wai-king. The money, US$2, was passed on to Lee Yuk-ngo by the other girl.

McGuiness, who was with Lee Yuk-ngo, snatched the money from her hand, pocketed it, and then forced the girl on to the canvas bed, and criminally assaulted her.

After he had assaulted the girl, alleged the prosecution, he called to the other accused, who were standing outside the hut, and they entered after breaking the flimsy wooden door.

While McGuiness held on to one of Yuk-ngo's legs, Judge raped her. With McGuiness still holding to the girl's leg, McConway also criminally assaulted her. When his two shipmates had finished with the girl, said DSI Summers, McGuiness raped Yuk-ngo for the second time.

In the meantime, the American seaman was with Lee Wai-king, he did nothing except shake his head.

Meet Cubitt

After the incident, the three accused left the hut and turned into Austin Road, where they met Cubitt. They asked Cubitt whether he had any money and, on his replying in the negative, assaulted him and robbed him of $50, the lighter and the pencil, DSI Summers stated.

Cubitt managed to break away from the men and to get into a rickshaw which went along Canton Road towards the Star Ferry wharf. When near Navy Street, Cubitt saw the three men again. On their throwing fair-sized stones at him, he stopped a rickshaw containing two members of the Scots Guards and asked for their help.

Accompanied by the two Guardsmen, Cubitt went back to Navy Street where he had a fight with McGuiness. After he had been restrained by his companions, Cubitt put on his jacket again, climbed on to the rickshaw and was taken to the Star Ferry wharf where he found that all his money had been stolen according to DSI Summers.

He was taken by a policeman to the Tsimtsatsui Police Station where he related the story of the attacks. Investigations by a detective led to a visit to the prostitutes, and the incident at the hut.

DSI Summers said that he would like to say that the two Guardsmen went to the assistance of Cubitt, and were in no way connected with the assault and robbery as erroneously reported at the time.

After medical evidence by Drs. Ong, Khoo and Coombes, Lee Yuk-ngo substantiated the Crown's opening regarding the attack on her. She added, in reply to the court, that she was very scared of the men and did not dare to resist McGuiness, although she did call out to Lee Wai-king to help her. When Wai-king remonstrated with McGuiness, said witness, she got a punch on the nose.

Replying to further questions from the bench, witness said that after having been robbed of the US$2 she did not expect to be paid by McGuiness or any of the accused.

She had no intention of reporting the attacks to the police as she felt ashamed of herself. Witness reluctantly admitted another reason was that she was a prostitute.

Lee Wai-king, in evidence, added that she had accepted the money from the American under the impression that it was payment for her and Lee Yuk-ngo.

Struck Over The Head

Cubitt said that when he was accosted by the three men, whom he could not identify, one of them asked, "Have you got any money?" He told them, "I haven't any money. I am a sailor like yourself." He was in civvies at the time in question.

One of the men then struck him over the head with some hard object. "Then we had a set-to, with all the three men going for me at the same time." When he saw one of the men holding a brick, he tried to get as close to him as possible but received a hit over the eye with the brick.

He was knocked to the ground, said witness, but managed to scramble free and run off towards where some rickshaws were. While running he heard the sound of broken glass behind him.

As he was about to get into a rickshaw, he saw that the pocket of his trousers was hanging out and that the $20 he had there had gone.

After corroborating the Crown's opening regarding the subsequent alleged attack at Canton Road, witness said that when he was in the Tsimtsatsui Chargeroom he told them that he knew two soldiers, a corporal and a private, of the Scots Guards were present when he was hit.

After Ngan Man-ho, one of the rickshaw pullers, who stated that McGuiness rode in his rickshaw, had testified as to what he claimed to have seen at Soosung Street, Austin Road and Canton Road, hearing was adjourned to tomorrow afternoon.

All three accused were remanded in Naval custody.

A 24-year-old warder was yesterday remanded for three days by Mr. F.X. d'Almada at Central for stealing two blankets from Stanley Prison on January 15.

Two Chinese Committed To Trial

Two men were committed to trial on charges of armed robbery by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

Accused were Li Fat, aged 22, and Lau Fong, aged 25, both unemployed.

First accused was charged on two counts of armed robbery by more than one person. One of these counts included second accused who was charged on only one count, Detective Sub-Inspector Leslie prosecuted.

Li was alleged to have committed an armed robbery with another person not in custody on June 7, 1498, at Soy Street near All Saints Church when he made away with loot which included a watch and chain, fountain pen, pencil and $0.90 in cash.

He was also alleged to have committed another armed robbery on June 10, at 19 Bedford Street when his loot included gold earrings, rings, clothing and more than $1,000 in cash.

Upon information obtained, second accused, Lau Fong was arrested and was charged in connection with the Bedford Street robbery.

Detective Sub-Inspector called 12 witnesses to give evidence for the prosecution.

These witnesses included the victims of the alleged robberies who described how and when the robberies had taken place.

A pawn shop accountant testified as to some pawn tickets alleged to have been found in second accused's possession when he was arrested.

Displayed in court was a number of exhibits collected from the pawn shop as well as from the person of the accused when the arrest was made.

Large Amount Of Gold Confiscated

Gold worth $18,000 was confiscated from Wu Chuen, merchant when he attempted to export the metal illegally.

Prosecuting, Revenue Officer, D. Knox said that at the Kowloon Canton Railway Station, Wu was asked by Revenue Officers if he had anything on him to declare to which he replied "no."

Upon a search, 12 nuggets were found on defendant, four in his shoes and eight lined his waist, all the gold totalling 60 taels.

Defendant was allowed bail which he estreated when he failed to be present in court befor Mr. W.H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

Another defendant, Tse Ki, aged 50, had 17 taels of gold confiscated from him by the Revenue Officers when he attempted to export the metal to Canton illegally. He received no punishment by the magistrate but was cautioned.

Amendments

Amendments to the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance, No. 15 of 1935, for controlling the cultivation of two kinds of Chinese vegetables, sai yeung choi and ung choi, will be presented to the Legislative Council for approval on Thursday.

At the same meeting, the Second and Third Readings of an Ordinance to Amend the Companies Ordinance, 1932; an ordinance to amend the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899; an Ordinance to amend the Inland Revenue Ordinance; and an Ordinance to control the entry into, exit from, and movement within the Colony of persons not born in the Colony will be moved by the Attorney-General.

The official demonstration flight of the jet-propelled Vampire RAF fighter was postponed indefinitely because of technical difficulties yesterday.

French Appeal To Viet Nam

Cannes, January 16.

M. Leon Pignon, French High Commissioner for Indo-China, today told ex-Emperor Bao Dai that France wishes him to return soon to Vietnam.

A communique issued by a member of Bao Dai's staff said that the ex-Emperor's return to Vietnam depends upon the realisation of the legitimate aspirations of the Vietnamese people; described as (1) the preservation of Vietnamese unity, and (2) the granting of the attributes of national sovereignty to a United Vietnam.—Reuter.

Dr. Saunders Returns From PI Campaign

Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Saunders, of the American-Oriental Friendship Association, Inc., have just returned from six weeks stay in the Philippine Islands, in connection with the fund-raising campaign for homeless Chinese orphans initiated here last November. They are staying at Phillips House.

"Despite the terrific hardships endured by the Chinese, American, and Filipino communities in rehabilitating devastated areas laid low by the war," said Dr. Saunders, "they have responded in a most generous way to the appeal of Chinese starving children. The patriotic spirit of the school children was especially heartening. Inspired by the motto now being used widely abroad to secure help for China, 'It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness,' they broke open savings banks, started drives among their friends, and pledged their continued support to the cause."

A total of HK$75,000 has already been subscribed in the current drive.

The campaign goal of HK$100,000 has not yet been reached, and those who have not subscribed are urged to act at once in order that the many children facing starvation and death this winter may be rescued and put into well-managed institutions under Christian supervision, where they will learn trades and have regular schooling in a home-like atmosphere.

The Orphanages assisted by the American-Oriental Friendship Association, Inc., are located at Canton, Chungking, Swatow, and Chefoo, all South of the present fighting zone. The cost of maintaining a child for a year is HK$500.00 for all expenses. Donations may be sent to J. R. Saunders, c/o National City Bank, or to Lam Chi Fung, Treasurer, 42 Bonham Strand, West.

CABLE STOLEN

Undersea cable thieves have again been active during the past 48 hours, according to a police report, which stated that an unestimated length of submerged cable between Beautford Island and Cape D'Aguilar has been stolen.

This cable, of 1½ inches diameter, is used for the Hong Kong-Amoy service.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

Shades Of Kruger

Sir,—With a show worthy of a better cause, Colonel L. T. Ride has rushed to the defence of the Volunteer Defence Force with his valiant proclamation that "We shall defend the Colony against all comers". Will such grandiloquent phrases are the roads to military cemeteries paved, and if the statement which accompanied this historic utterance serves any purpose at all, it will be to dispel any doubt that might have lingered in the minds of the critics of the scheme as to whether there might not, after all, be some degree of utility found therein.

Before proceeding further, in your issue of December 29, 1948, we asked three questions relevant to this matter which have, to date, remained unanswered and, fearing that these may have been overlooked in the Scotch mist which pervaded the Colony at that time, we set them forth briefly again here. We asked:

1. Does the outlay of $20,000,000 for the formation of this Force, include any provision for the payment of pensions or compensation to the dependents of those who gave their lives in the defence of the Colony in 1941 or are we to start afresh with this shameful liability undischarged?

2. In the event of the outbreak of hostilities involving the Colony, is Government so confident of its ability to successfully defend the Colony that no measures will be taken to evacuate women and children, as before? If not, will future evacuation plans be laid to include *all* women and children, regardless of race or social standing or will such plans be confined to British women and children as previously?

3. Why if this Defence Force scheme has been under consideration for the past 18 months, as we have been told by the Hon. Colonial Secretary, were the Air Raid Shelters, both British and Japanese, filled in within the past twelve months instead of, if necessary, limited and modernised, them for use in case of future air attack?

Colonel Ride has made no attempt to answer these questions, neither has he tackled the extremely delicate subject of infiltration into the Force by Communist agents. Accustomed though we may be to the politenesses of diplomatic usage, there are times when it is necessary to call the proverbial spade by its proper name and if Colonel Ride will remove his head from the politic sand long enough to study the records of the Cairo Conference, he will find there a cure for his blindness.

Let us not be afraid to face the facts, unpleasant though they may be. Our private opinion is that if the Colony is ever handed over to China it will soon be in the same chaotic state as Shanghai and other places which have been handed back but once this retrocession has been effected, it will be no business of ours and only the Chinese people themselves can complain.

Now let us take a look at Colonel Ride's manifesto.

It is stated that the defence of the Colony is the primary duty of the Force and it is as well to take another look at the word "primary" which can be read in two ways. It can be taken, since we are told that this is to be Hong Kong's Army, Navy and Air Force, that the defence of the Colony will rest primarily upon this Force with the secondary assistance to be rendered by whatever reinforcements can be spared from the Home Forces, and nowhere will anyone find any indication of just how large those reinforcements may be. Or it may be understood to convey that the defence of the Colony is to be the main consideration of the Force with other duties the secondary consideration. After looking at the composition of the Force as given by Colonel Ride, we sincerely hope that the latter is the correct interpretation but, in view of the action being taken in other ways to render Hong Kong a self-contained and self-sufficient unit of the Empire, we are very much inclined to think that the former interpretation may prove to be correct.

Another factor which inclines us to the foregoing opinion is that we are told that the eyes of Whitehall are upon us, and it would seem that the taxpayers of this Colony are being made the guinea pigs upon whose survival will depend the formation of similar Forces in other Colonies, or possibly we are being used as a reagent for Colonial public opinion.

Regarding the possibility of the successful defence of the Colony, we are asked to accept as a guarantee of the fact that this can be done, the statement that "this scheme has the blessing of the War Office, the Admiralty and the Air Ministry," the difference being that these departments are staffed with militarily infallible beings.

Unfortunately there are those of us who recall that in 1939, 1940 and for eleven months of 1941 those same officers were equally confident that Changi Fortress was the answer to the Japanese Urge of Southward expansion. They were also very satisfied that the jungles of Malaya offered an impenetrable barrier to attack from that quarter. The Japanese disillusioned them, but the fact that they were at last awakened was of little consolation to the hundred thousand who spent the subsequent four years in Changi admiring the seaward guns. So please do not expect us to fully appreciate that this Colony can be defended just by calling us the Gods on Olympus are satisfied. We need more than that.

Furthermore, it is an unfortunate fact that the military master minds have never been known to admit that others not in the Service can see trends more clearly than they, despite the fact that in every war the major contributions to arms and methods of warfare have been made by scientists and civilian inventors, and it is, therefore hardly likely that this conceit would allow of our military experts agreeing that a Special Police Force, i.e. a Commando Force, could replace the outmoded military formations to which they now ask us to subscribe.

Colonel Ride and his associates should wake up to the fact that they are not asked to fight an external enemy. The enemy may be already within our walls. That the Force now in the process of formation is the right answer to this menace we still strenuously deny. Unfortunately, only time can *prove* to the "experts" that they are wrong and then it will be too late . . . but we are the ones who will have to pay.

We are told that this Force, upon which the Colony will have to depend, in the main, for defence is to be 7,000 strong and will consist of *one* battalion, comprising four Rifle Companies and other ranks, totalling 1,000 men, *one* Heavy A/A Battery and *one* Squadron of Armoured Cars, the remainder of the personnel to be utilised in Ancillary Detachments, Air Force and Naval Units.

Shades of Kruger! If anything was needed to prove to us that this is to be but a training ground for troops to be used *outside* Hong Kong, this is it, for if this scheme is studied in conjunction with a map and the terrain and length of coast line to be defended are taken into consideration, one will appreciate the appalling nature of the scheme, for never have so few been called upon to defend so much.

We are told that the defence of the Colony will not necessarily be restricted to the confines thereof and so we come to the meat of the scheme. It is our opinion that in the event of another war we shall find the young and able bodied men removed to carry on the defence of the Colony from some point far removed on the grounds that the first line of defence of the Colony lies in Malaya, or perhaps even Australia, whilst the remainder are left to become just another "regrettable incident".

Colonel Ride asks to accept his word that this Force will be the instrument to remove all racial and social injustices which have for so long marred life in the Colony, but the Hong Kong leopard does not change his spots so easily and one can imagine just how far any poor non-Britisher, or indeed any Britisher who is not a "pukka sahib" will be permitted to rise and how many incumbents of Government posts would be content to serve under Chinese or Portuguese, no matter how efficient, who happened to be members of their staffs.

An interesting point in connection with this scheme is raised by the case of the unfortunate Mr. Butcher who, after being a resident of the Colony for the past thirty years and having, no matter upon what work he was engaged, contributed his small share to the progress thereof, is now at the age of 58 ordered to find work within three months upon pain of deportation in the event of failure. One of the points raised by the promoters of this plan is that men will be given the opportunity of deciding for themselves whether their first duty lies to the Empire or to the Colony. The case of Mr. Butcher will cause many to ask themselves whether they have any duty to a Colony which stands ready to deport them solely upon these grounds.

The case of Mr. Butcher is a disgrace to the administration of the Colony and the fact that, after being absent from the country for thirty years, this man is to be returned to Britain to become a charge on the taxpayers there is a matter which should arouse local welfare organisations to action.

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Village Elder Claims HK$20,000 Damages

A Lamma Island village elder in a libel action against the Kwor Yin Yat Po, Chinese vernacular, claimed HK$20,000 damages at the Supreme Court yesterday.

The action, heard by Sir Leslie Gibson, Chief Justice, was against Tsai Kwok-yin, Ho Lai-wah, Ho Kwok-wah and Ho Kim-fei, the owner, printer, publisher and editor, respectively, of the paper.

Ng Yung-kan, the plaintiff, was represented by Mr. Chas. Loseby, instructed by Mr. A. el Arculli. Defendants, not legally represented, were absent.

Plaintiff, village elder of Shu Wan Village, Lamma Island, claimed HK$20,000 as damages for libel published in the newspaper on two separate dates.

On one occasion, it is alleged, the newspaper carried an article under the heading: "Eleven representatives of New Territories prosecuting Ng Lun-lan; he is suspected of having squeezed villagers for his own benefit." On the second occasion, the same paper is alleged to have carried an article under the heading: "The (Government) Rice Depot prosecuted by the inhabitants of 11 villages on Lamma Island for having charged (some money) for expenses with the result that the Yee Wo Rice Depot was abolished by order."

Retired From Case

Mr. Loseby told the Chief Justice that no defence had been filed. Defendants' solicitors retired from the case on application to the Court last month. He added that defendants had at all material times knowledge of the action but had not given their solicitors any instructions.

He added that the newspaper concerned and the people concerned had disappeared. Therefore, there was no possibility of recovering any damages.

Counsel said that the present action was admitted because there was no defence. The articles published in the newspaper, he added, were published by gross negligence.

Ng Yung-kan, plaintiff, said that he was responsible for the distribution of rice and Red Cross parcels in the Northern part of Lamma Island in 1946, according to Government instructions.

He said there was no truth in the allegations published in the newspaper which accused him of dishonesty, fraud and breach of trust. He has never been relieved of his position.

Hearing of the action was adjourned to March 4.

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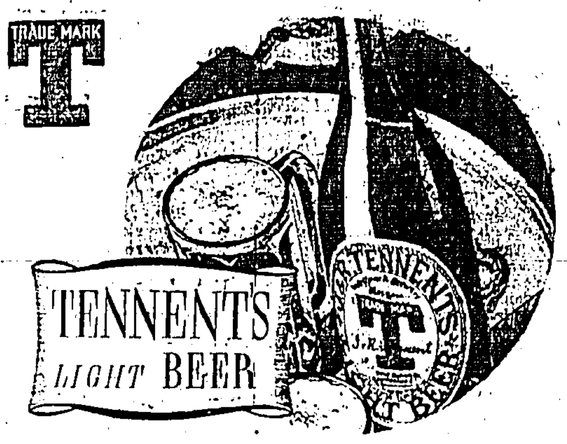

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FOREMAN TAKES STAND IN PWD LARCENY TRIAL

An admission that he knew he was wrong in using Government workmen and time, but had to take orders from Spary, was made by Ho Ting, PWD foreman of the Wanchai workshop, at yesterday's hearing of the PWD larceny trial.

In answer to this, Mr. Chen asked witness whether he would obey if he was told by his superior to go to Mr. Strickland's house and make a short circuit so as to burn the house, to which witness replied that would be too much of a joke.

Witness was giving evidence at the trial in which Kwok Kwong, foreman, and Austin Sparyw electrical inspector Grade I, of the Public Works Department, are charged with 12 counts of larceny by public servant, obtaining money by false pretences, and conspiracy to defraud the Government.

At the beginning of yesterday's hearing, Ho Ting, foreman of the PWD Wanchai workshop, who underwent a full-day cross-examination by Mr. D'Alton, counsel for Spary, on Friday was cross-examined by Mr. Chen, counsel for Kwok Kwong.

Witness stated that his basic pay was $300 with an additional $265 for high cost of living allowance, the total being $555. Before the revision of Government salary, witness said, his basic salary was $125.

Ho revealed that he had been a foreman some 10 years ago at the Hung Hom workshop, but stated that he could not remember the procedure of obtaining stores there.

Witness agreed with Mr. Chen that his duties in Wanchai consisted of distributing workmen on various electrical jobs throughout Hong Kong, to inspect and supervise the different electrical installations in Hong Kong, to discuss the procedure of the layout of works with the European officer in charge, to inspect sites for proposed new works and take particulars for making estimates, and to instruct chargehands on work procedure.

Witness also agreed to the average time for each work as given by Mr. Chen.

Mr. Chen then told witness that, according to his official duties he had nothing to do with stores, to which witness said that his assistants were concerned with the stores.

In Triplicate

In reply to a query, Ho said that the store-keeper in Wanchai was one Chan Ling-cheung, who was directly under the officer in charge. Whenever anything was wanted from the workshop, a Store Order Note had to be made in triplicate and passed to the store-keeper.

This rule was always observed, witness disclosed, except on urgent occasions, when a chit could be made out by him and passed to the store-keeper, and the Store Order Note subsequently made out later.

When he was at Hung Hom some 10 years ago however, witness went on, he used to give out Issue Notes to get stores from the Stores Department at North Point. When such stores were to be sent to a certain site in Kowloon, they were issued first to Hung Hom and from there to the site.

Ho said that, at present, the procedure has been changed, and the stores have to be obtained from the Wanchai workshop stores. The stores, he said, must be drawn on the basis of a Store Order Note.

Mr. Chen then asked witness whether supposing witness were not in his office and some stores were urgently needed for a job, his chargehands or assistants could draw them from Wanchai by means of a chit and later rectify it with a Store Order Note from witness. He replied that this could be done.

Witness also agreed that if the person who drew the materials forgot about it, witness, would expect Chan Ling-cheung, the store-keeper, to come to him later and ask him to sign for the stores taken.

Mr. Chen: And you would be surprised if anybody got materials from the Wanchai stores without a Store Order Note?

Witness: Certainly, except for such old stores that do not appear in the books.

"That Is Correct"

But it would be impossible without the Store Order Note to get the materials out of the stores?—That is correct.

Old stores, witness explained, consisted of old materials left behind by the Japanese after the liberation. The few new materials among them consisted of some bulbs and some ordinary lighting wire.

Asked if the wire which he used in the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club job was new British wire, witness stated that they were new rolls, but he could not tell whether or not they were British or Japanese made.

Mr. Chen: In the morning when the workmen come to report for work, you yourself do not know who will come to work?

Witness: I must know. I can, according to the book which is entered by Chuung Hon, my assistant.

So that when Chuung Hon makes a mistake, whether carelessly or deliberately, in the book, you would not know.—There can be no mistake, because besides Cheung Hon's book, there is a time-keeper's book.

The item reported to the time-keeper before reporting to Cheung Hon?—Yes.

Is there a time-keeper in Hung Hom?—I do not know, but when I was there, there was none.

Do you know whether or not the time-keeper and Cheung Hon ever falsified anything in the books before?—That I do not know.

Ho further said there were three men to check these sort of things.

Mr. Chen: So that in Hung Hom you did not have a time-keeper, and if you had a dishonest chargehand you would have been in a quandary.

Witness: Certainly. I would not be able to know.

Did you ever go and inspect jobs that were already finished?—Sometimes.

You know sometimes that these chargehands are very tricky?—I do not know.

After a job had been done, for instance, and after you had inspected it, the chargehand would take out the new switches and replace them with old ones.—I never come across such tricks.

Cross-Examination

Witness was then subjected to a long cross-examination on the question of fluorescent lamps and shades connected with various works done, where they came from, the installation in Government buildings, and the entries in the Entry Book.

After this, Mr. Chen asked witness whether in his 28 years of service in the PWD he had ever argued with any of his European superior officers, to which witness said he did. However, after the arguments he would do the work all the same, witness said.

Mr. Chen then told witness he knew that the Yacht Club job was a private job, but yet he did not argue about that with his superior. He said this was correct.

His idea, witness said, was that if he had crossed his superior he might have been discharged.

Mr. Chen: Your excuse for the work you did at the Yacht Club was that Spary told you to do it.

Witness: Yes.

When you used Government workmen, according to your story, during Government time, you knew that was wrong.—Yes, I knew that was wrong.

Supposing what you say is true, that your superior gave you those orders, why didn't you resist those orders?—Since his orders were orders, I had to obey them.

Supposing he told you to go to Mr. Strickland's house and make a short circuit, so as to burn the house, would you do it?—That is too much like a joke.

Witness said further under cross-examination that he was taken to the Police Station and there questioned on four occasions some time in August, 1948, when investigations regarding the case started. He denied however that the Police had threatened to prosecute him at any time.

Ho was then re-examined by Mr. Hooton, Crown Counsel, after which Ho's assistant, Yuen Ki, was recalled for further cross-examination.

Yuen stated that he was concerned in drawing materials for jobs to be done, and that any article drawn from the stores at Wanchai, was issued on the strength of the Store Order Note.

He further added that the Note had to be signed by Ho Ting or any other foreman and countersigned by Spary. The keys of the stores, witness rejoined, were kept in a locked drawer in his desk, to which drawer Ho Ting and he had access.

The last witness at yesterday's hearing, Tang Tin, chargehand attached to the Wanchai workshop, gave further evidence as regards the job at the Yacht Club, after which he was cross-examined by Mr. D'Alton.

Hearing was adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Methodist 1949 Synod Ends Work

The 1949 Synod of the South China District of the Methodist Church, now in its 99th year, finishes today after a week of meetings.

The general subject this year has been "Signs of Victory", and in the annual reports from the churches in the cities, towns and villages of South China and Hong Kong there are many hopeful signs that evangelisation is actively going forward. Church membership has increased by 10 per cent during the past year and the work among children and young people has been especially active.

The large Hnigh College at Fatshan, with nearly 1,000 students, shows a year of busy expansion culminating in th erection of a new block of dormitories for girls. Mr. H. Y. Szeto, a well-known educationalist, comes as the new Headmaster from Hunan. The other nine schools run by the Church also report reorganisation and progress.

On the medical side, the famous Fatshan Hospital has had a busier year than ever and the major rebuilding project (at a total cost of HK$1,600,000) is going steadily forward. Appeals are being made in Hong Kong at the moment for the main ward block which should be completed by April. Kukong hospital (where the BAAG, in China was born) has recently received, as evacuees, doctors and students from the Nanking Central Hospital, Springfield Orphanage and a newly-formed orphanage at Wuchow both have plans for future improvements.

Rev. D. B. Childe was given an official farewell at this Synod on the eve of his departure for England to assume the Secretaryship of the whole China and Burma fields of missionary work. His successor, Rev. W. H. Alton, was welcomed as the new representative of the Methodist Missionary Society to the South China district of the Church.

Over 50 delegates from two provinces attended the business meetings of the Synod, and on Sunday before a congregation of a thousand people—two Chinese ministers were ordained and received their charge. The Methodist Church, encouraged by the Signs of Victory even in this period of rapid change, is dedicated to another year of proclaiming the Gospel of Christ to all.

Some person has stolen a suit of European style clothes and $130 from the Central Police Station barracks room some time on Saturday, it was learned yesterday. In one of the jacket pockets was the identity card of the owner, a police constable attached to Central Police Station.

Reminders

Today

HK Light Orchestra rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 6.45 p.m.

Urban Council meeting, GPO building, 4.15 p.m.

Lecture on "The Bronze Age in Asia and Europe" by Dr. D. P. Dobson, in Anatomy Building, HK University, 5 p.m.

Whist Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

Annual Race Meeting, third Day, Race Course, Happy Valley, 12 noon.

Opening of Assizes. Supreme Court; Church service at St. John's Cathedral, 9.15 p.m.; Inspection of Guard of Honour, 10 a.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Toc H Club meeting Talbot House, 50, MacDonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

Annual Race Meeting, fourth day, Race Course, Happy Valley, 12 noon.

Forum on Radio (P.O. Phillips, Frank Harris, Linda Cater, Leonard Starbuck), European YMCA, 8.45 p.m.

THURSDAY

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Bridge-Mah Jong Drive in aid of Women's Auxiliary of the Society for the Protection of Children, Repulse Bay Hotel Lounge, 2.30 p.m.

Y's Men's Club luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

HKFA Interport Sub-Committee meeting, HKFA office, Prince's Bldg., 5.15 p.m.

Emergency Committee meeting of HKFA, Prince's Bldg., 6.15 p.m.

Personalia

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Aitchison, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Barnett and Mr. H. H. Dye left for Shanghai yesterday by the ss. Anchises.

Messrs. R. J. A. da Luz, German, Ang, Robert Chiam, Kingmen I. Sin, Mrs. Sonbbon Pinthorak, Mrs. Hansa Tansrivong and Mrs. Prape Jotika Bukkana left for Manila yesterday by CPA.

Week-end departures from the Peninsula Hotel included Mr. and Mrs. Sack, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Rundell, Messrs. H. B. Heyer, Elvin E. Madsen, M. M. Killan, S. H. Michael, E. Connors, Ben Bering, Howard Cobb, and General C. E. Thomas.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel during the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Victor Shalom, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. V. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Max E. Hayward, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Simpson, Mrs. M. Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Webb, Mr. and Mrs. E. Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. H. Beck, Mrs. E. Bromley, Messrs. J. Andersen-Rusendal, G. Noelting, R. W. Lieban, J. G. Dunolly, K. M. Carter, G. Drummond, J. P. Peak, H. C. Tang, G. Ward Price, H. P. Schnitler, T. H. Shen, C. Yang, N. Curtis, J. M. Doolan, and N. Curtis.

Among the arrivals from Canton yesterday by the ss. Fatshan were Commander K.S. Colling, Mr. and Mrs. N. Garland, Mr. F.G. Tivendell, Mr. Jas. I. Mackenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, Mr. D.G. White, Mr. J.L.R. Maly, Mr. P.F. MacCabe, Mr. C.B.B. Heathcote-Smith, Lieut. A. Wm. Hankin, Mr. D.B. Webster, Cmdr. E.D. Webb, Mrs. J.G. Gregson, Mr. E.G. Price, Mr. and Mrs. Knowles, Mrs. E.M. Watson, Mrs. R.F. Pryce, Miss E. Kelly, Mr. B. Pepper, Mr. Sigurd Tolt and Mr. Trygve Veggeland.

Breach Of Price Control

Summoned before Mr. D. H. Blake at the JP Court at Central yesterday for breach of price control regulations, Au Wing-shing, proprietor of the Wing Shing Loong, at 216, Lockhart Road, was fined $250.

For overcharging 40 cents on a tin of corned beef, the controlled price of which is $1.20, Chiu Kwok Kong, of Kwok Kong, at 45 Lyndhurst Terrace, was fined $5.

Fines ranging from $15 to $125 were imposed on the Keung Mah Cafe, 453 Hennesy Road, Mui Kee, 5 Morrison Street, Hang Kee Stall, 13 Cockrane Street, Hing Lee, 8 Morrison Street Wah Hang, 228 Des Voeux Road West, Wah Cheung, 8 Canal Road West, Lee Man, 16 Canal Road West and Man Cheung Loong, 50 Tai Yuen Street for similar offences.

Mrs. Christie Murdered

News was received yesterday that Mrs. Joan Christie, sister of Lieutenant Colonel E. J. B. Mitchell of Manufacturers Life Insurance Co., Hong Kong, was murdered in Saigon on Friday by a servant, who attempted unsuccessfully to open the house safe.

Mrs. Christie, who had been in the Colony for a number of years in the 1920's, was due to leave for Scotland with her husband, Mr. T.L. Christie, manager of the Chartered Bank of Saigon, who is retiring next month.

She arrived here in 1921 with her mother to join Colonel Mitchell.

Mr. Christie was on the staff of the local Chartered Bank office for a number of years before he was transferred to Saigon.

Mrs. Christie was 46 years old.

FORTY DIE OF TUBERCULOSIS

Forty deaths from tuberculosis were recorded during the week ended January 1, according to official statistics.

Total deaths from tuberculosis from January 1, 1948, to January 1 this year was 1,883.

Births during the week ended January 1 this year numbered 1,082. Deaths were 232.

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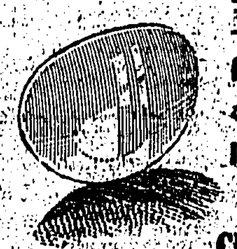

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Bus Driver Fined For Dangerous Driving

"I must emphasise the seriousness of defendant's act in that he not only endangered the lives of the taxi passengers but also the lives of the passengers on his bus," said Divisional Inspector J. Hunter (Kowloon Traffic Office) in Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr's court at Kowloon yesterday.

Inspector Hunter, who was addressing the court after Lui Pui had been convicted on a charge of dangerous driving, added that if the case had been heard when it was first brought before the court (December 13), and if accused had then been convicted, he would have asked for a heavy penalty and the suspension of defendant's licence.

But, he added, as such incidents as that in which accused was involved in had stopped after the second case, he was not asking for accused's licence to be suspended.

Defendant, who was represented by Mr. C.A. Sutherton Russ, was fined $300.

The case arose from a complaint laid by Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Keates that defendant, who was then driving bus 4246, twice attempted to edge out the taxi in which Mrs. Keates, Miss Keates and an amah were riding, from 184 Nathan Road to Humphrey's Building on the afternoon of December 12.

One of the attempts were alleged to have been made outside 184 Nathan Road, and the other near the new Telephone Co. buildings near Cameron Road.

Suddenly Stopped

So Ka-keung, the driver of Blue Taxi Co.'s cab 4051, testified yesterday that when he was about to start the car, after two European ladies and the amah had got in, he saw a bus suddenly stopping next to his vehicle.

The driver of the bus, whom he identified as accused, put his head out and shouted to him, "You are a bad man. Watch out for your job in the future."

After manoeuvring his cab for some time, he finally found that he had sufficient space to squeeze through and did so, followed by the bus. After he had gone a little distance, estimated by witness as 10 shop lengths, he noticed the bus approaching his vehicle from behind and then cutting across his front. He swerved sharply to the left, while the bus went straight on and stopped at the Dairy Farm stop.

In reply to Inspector Hunter, witness said that he did not hear any bell signal on the bus before it stopped next to his cab outside 184 Nathan Road. Neither did he see any other vehicle near the bus stop at Hillwood Road.

Never Had Accident

Replying to Mr. Russ, witness said hat he had been driving a private car for 18 months, although he had held a public car driver's licence during that period. He was first employed by the Blue Taxi Co. on December 10. During those 18 months he had never had an accident.

Defendant, in evidence, denied that he was attempting to edge out the taxi. Although he learnt about the taxi strike through the newspapers, he was not interested in it, he said.

He stopped outside 184 Nathan Road when he saw the taxi driver signalling, with his hand, that he was going to start his cab. After he had slowed down, the taxi left its position between the two trees. His bus started after the passengers had alighted, and after he had received the two bells signal from his conductor.

As to the second incident, defendant said that he was on the near side of the road, while the taxi was travelling along the middle of the road when the taxi driver signalled to him to pass.

No Right To Stop

Cross-examined, defendant said that the taxi had no right to stop outside 184 Nathan Road as it was near the bus stop.

Mr. Blair-Kerr: But it was about 35 feet away from the stop.

Defendant agreed with the court that if what the prosecution witnesses said was correct, he would then have been guilty of having taken the bus passengers' lives in his hands. "They would never have allowed me to do this."

Ng Pak, the conductor, said that when the bus reached Austin Road two passengers wanted to get off. He pulled the bell cord once and the bus slowed down. The two passengers got off outside the radio shop and three others boarded the vehicle. He then gave the driver the signal to go on.

He did not see the bus swerve violently after it left the 184 Nathan Road stop. He admitted, that, being engaged in collecting fares, he did not pay particular attention to the road.

After defendant had been convicted, Mr. Russ informed the court that accused might lose his employment as the result of the conviction.

BUS DRIVER'S FATAL JUMP

After about 30 minutes of suspense, during which time it became clear that he was going to take the leap and the police and the Fire Brigade were summoned to the rescue, a man finally jumped off the roof of 191 Cheungshawn Road.

The man was identified as Ha Kong, aged 36, bus driver. He died shortly after he was admitted into the Kowloon Hospital.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances it has been necessary to rearrange the order of the lectures planned to be given fortnightly on Wednesdays in the Public Relations Office, Statue Square. On Wednesday, January 19, at 5.30 p.m., Mr. C.J. Norman, Superintendent of Prisons, will speak on "The Juvenile Delinquent." The Chair will be taken by Brigadier Waller, Salvation Army.

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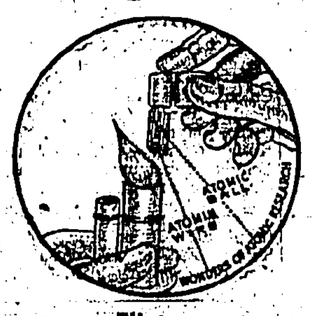

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(British Section)

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It is hereby notified that sealed Tenders in Duplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for rebuilding of two C.H.R. second class carriages No. 36306 and No. 36315" will be received at the Head Office, Kowloon Canton Railway, Kowloon, until noon on Friday, 21st. January, 1949.

Tenderers must attach to each tender a receipt showing that they have deposited with the Accountant of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, the sum of $500.00 as pledge of the bona fides of their tenders, which sum shall be forfeited to the Railway, if any tenderer fails or refuses to carry out his tender, should such tender be accepted.

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As from Monday, the 17th January, 1949 the First Ferry to Cheung Chau will leave Hongkong at 7.00 a.m. and the present 9 a.m. Ferry from Cheung Chau will leave Cheung Chau at 8.30 a.m., Silvermine Bay at 9.00 a.m., and Ping Chau at 9.30 a.m.

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IN THE MATTER of United Chinese Trading Company Limited
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IN THE MATTER of the Companies Ordinance 1932.

NOTICE is hereby given that the creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound-up, are required, on or before the 28th day of February 1949, being the day for that purpose fixed by the undersigned, Cheng Kwong of No. 24 Robinson Road and Chow Kai Chuen of No. 3 Queen's Road East Hongkong, the Liquidators of the said Company, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors, if any, to the undersigned, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidators, are by their Solicitors to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 18th day of January 1949.

Cheng Kwong
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PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF HONG KONG

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the members of the Photographic Society of Hong Kong will be held at Cafe Wiseman at 7.15 p.m. on Wednesday, January 26th, 1949.

Business:

(a) To consider and adopt the Report of the Hon. Secretary and the Statement of Accounts of the Hon. Treasurer;
(b) To elect Officers for the ensuing year:
(c) Any other business.

E. O'NEIL SHAW,
Hon. Secretary.

January 18th, 1949.

Members are reminded that nominations for office-bearers for the ensuing year must be in the hands of the Hon. Secretary by the last post on Wednesday, January 19th, 1949.

HONG KONG TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Dr. D. P. Dobson, J.P., Litt.D., will give a talk to members of the Association on "School Broadcasts" at 5.15 p.m. on Thursday, January 20th., in St. John's Cathedral Hall. All interested are invited to attend.

M. HEARSON,
Joint Secretary.

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB

COLONY TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Entries are invited for the Colony Grass Court Singles and Double Tennis Championships to be played during the Hong Kong Cricket Club Annual Tennis Tournament commencing February 21st, 1949.

Entry forms are obtainable from all Clubs and Sports Shops. Entries will close at 5 p.m. on February 11th, 1949.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

THE HONG KONG STAGE CLUB

There will be a Casting Meeting for the Stage Club's next production "The Guinea Pig" on Thursday, 20th Jan., 1949, at 8.30 p.m. in Room A, 2nd Floor, China Fleet Club.

All members and anyone interested are asked to please attend.

RMS Canton Encounters Monsoon En Route

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

Passengers on board the RMS Canton heaved a sigh of relief when the vessel reached local waters safely yesterday.

For the greater part of the three-day journey from Singapore they were the victims of a severe monsoon which battered the former armed merchant cruiser shortly after she left port for Hong Kong.

Many of the passengers and some members of the crew were affected by the heavy rolling and continuous pitching of the ship which only ended a few hours before she arrived here.

Three hundred and five passengers disembarked here yesterday. They included medical officers, publishers, missionaries, scholars, attorneys and top ranking civil servants.

Conspicuous among those who landed here was the party of Chinese scholars, returning from a visit to the United Kingdom, sponsored by the British Council. They included Professor C.L. Pien, Professor D.Y. Tao, Dr. Y.C. Sun and Professor R.M. Li.

One of China's leading present-day poets, Professor Pien found himself in a predicament on his arrival here. Professor Pien, who taught at Tientsin's Nankai University last year, was on his way to Tientsin, which recently fell to the Communists.

"I have made no plans yet and am awaiting the resultant events to decide upon my departure from Hong Kong," the distinguished scholar said. He is, meanwhile, living at the Hong Kong University.

While in England, Professor Pien visited some of the historic educational institutions, including Oxford and Cambridge. He went there on a travelling fellowship offered by the British Council.

The author of several poetry books in Chinese, Professor Pien is at present translating a Chinese novel into English.

Among the arrivals were Major General Wang Chen, a military attache, Mr. D. Moore, Mr. Leon Britton of RKO Pictures, Wing Commander M. N. Oxford, Mr. D.R. Holmes, Mr. J.C. Hutchinson, Dr. (Miss) M.J. Clifford, Lieutenant J.A. Long (RN) and Captain T.B. Riches.

Highest Praise

Most of the passengers had the highest praise and gratitude for the steward's personnel, especially the stewardesses, many of whom went out of their way to make the passengers comfortable.

For most of the passengers who embarked at Southampton for Singapore and Hong Kong, it was the first Christmas and New Year spent at sea.

The RMS Canton was in the Suez Canal when they celebrated Christmas. A member of the crew played Santa Claus to the children on board. New Year's day was spent when the ship was one day out of Bombay.

The occasion was, however, marred by an accident, which led to the traditional burial at sea of a Genoese steward on the following day. The Genoese fell on the deck, fracturing his skull.

After leaving Colombo, two foreign stowaways were found and were removed by police in the Straits.

Upon her arrival here, an ambulance took away a steward who has an abdominal ailment.

When the Canton called at Singapore she landed her most distinguished passenger, Vice-Admiral Sir E.J.P. Brind, who is taking over the command of the Far East Fleet. Lady Brind accompanied the admiral.

Admiral Brind hoisted his flag as Commander-in-Chief of the Far East Station on January 11. Admiral Sir Denis Boyd, whom he succeeds, left Singapore for home by the HMT Dilwara.

Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

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To return to Colonel Ride; he mentions that the has been asked whether members of the Force will be allowed to wear their national dress, and answers this query by stating "that they will be permitted to do so for walking out and for ceremonial parades." It is in this statement that one will find the sole tenable excuse for the formation of the Force but, unfortunately, the Colony is not at present financially able to pay this price for pageantry. There are too many more pressing needs to which the money thus expended could be applied.

A point which appears to have escaped the notice of the promoters of this scheme is that there must be something vitally wrong either with the scheme itself or with the Colony which it is designed to "protect," to render necessary so much publicity in an effort to induce men to join. No such appeals were necessary when men were needed to fight for the Empire in 1939. There were enough and to spare, and they would not be necessary now if the people of the Colony felt that they were being asked to defend a Colony which is their own and which is truly a democratic part of the Empire. It is poor strategy to deny men the rights of citizenship in normal times and then expect them to rally around in time of need, and a reply to this strategy will be furnished by the number of men who will consider that their first duty lies to the Empire rather than to the Colony.

Let Government take a genuine interest in our everyday problems, housing, schooling, hospital and unemployment schemes, effective price control, recreational facilities, for all, not only for Volunteers, decent transport systems, etc., and treat us as responsible individuals with the right to live under a freely elected Government and we shall not need anybody to persuade us to fight, no matter how hopelessly.

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POLICE NOTICE

The opening of The Assizes on Tuesday, 18th January, 1949, at 10.10 a.m.

1. In connection with above Ceremonies the following Traffic Arrangements are notified for general information.
2. Closed Roads:—Chater Road from Wardley Street to Jackson Road will be closed to Traffic from 9.45 a.m. to conclusion of ceremony.
3. Car Parks Closed:—From 9 a.m. to conclusion of ceremony the following car parks are closed to vehicles except vehicles mentioned in Para 4. below and all vehicles must be moved therefrom.
   1. Chater Road from Wardley Street to Jackson Rd.
   2. Jackson Road East side from Chater Road to Des Voeux Rd., C.
   3. Queen's Rd. North side from Jackson Rd. to Murray Rd.
4. Car Parks for Guests attending ceremony.
   1. Flag car park:—Jackson Rd. West side, south of main entrance to Supreme Court.
   2. Guests car park:—Queen's Rd. Central North side between Jackson Rd. and Murray Rd.
5. Car Park additional: Murray Parade ground will be available for parking of cars from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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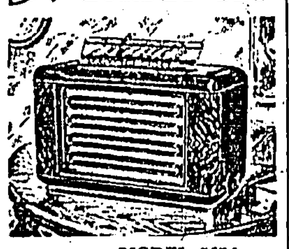

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NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Annual Race Meeting, 1949

Saturday 15th, Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th and Saturday 22nd January.

The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12.00 noon, each day. The tiffin interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.).

There are 10 races each day (50 in all). The "Hong Kong Derby" is scheduled to be run on the third day, Tuesday, 18th January, Race No. 6 at 3.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $10 per day including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member, to be responsible for all chits etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Compradore Office and the Secretary's Office will close at 10 a.m. each day. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is $3 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

BY ORDER.
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

CARNIVAL By Dick Turner

"Notice how he buys her a fur coat without insisting that she'll put him in the poorhouse!"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay
The Authority on Authorities

HONOUR LEADS PAY WELL

CONVENTIONS followed by all fine players, in the choice of honour leads from certain combinations against a No Trump contract, are a paying proposition in several respects. They not only enable the leader's partner to read his holding. They help the leader to get his suit established as soon as possible. They prevent the declarer from taking a cheap trick with a dinky little card while preserving his real stoppers for later use.

	S Q 10 H A Q 5 4 D 9 6 C 10 7 6 4 2	
S 7 4 2 H K 6 2 D A J 10 7 4 C 8 5	N W E S	S A 8 6 H J 10 8 7 D 8 5 3 C K Q J
	S K J 9 5 3 H 9 3 D K Q 2 C A 9 3	

(Dealer: South. Both sides vulnerable).

South	West	North	East
1 S	Pass	2 C	Pass
2 S	Pass	3 H	Pass
3 NT			

That was really an overbid hand, with North willing to "reverse" in bidding his hearts at the three level after showing his clubs before. But West made the 3-No Trumps a good contract by means of a bad lead. He selected his fourth-best diamond, the 7, when he could have chosen the J. By so doing he presented the contract to South.

Getting that first trick with the dummy's 9, South led the spade Q, which East allowed to win, then the 10 to the J and the K to the A. East returned the 8 of his partner's diamonds, the Q forcing the A. When the diamond return was won by the K, South proceeded to make an easy game, totaling four tricks in spades, two each in the red suits and one in clubs.

West had a standard "honour combination" lead available to him in the top of his inside sequence. If he had led the J, he would have eliminated one of South's honours. The latter would then have had to try spades and hope West had the A. When East did instead, he could have returned a diamond through the remaining South honour to give his partner four tricks in the suit.

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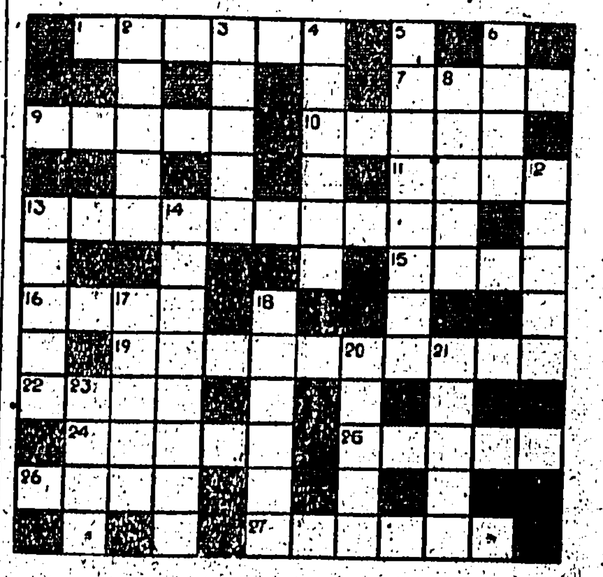
Tomorrow's Problem

	S A 9 6 4 3 2 H 10 9 8 D 6 5 C A K	
S K J 10 H 4 D Q J 10 8 4 2 C Q 6 2	N W E S	S 8 5 H A 6 3 2 D A 7 3 C 10 7 5 4
	S Q 7 H K Q J 7 5 D K 9 C J 9 8 3	

(Dealer: South. East-West vulnerable).

Following North's 1-Spade and South's 2-Hearts, what bidding do you prefer on this rubber deal?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

1 Hidden.
7 Precious stone.
9 Clutch.
10 Nobleman.
11 File.
13 Determination.
15 Valley.
16 Small nail.
19 Offspring.
22 Portal.
24 Value highly.
25 Give utterance to.
26 Eager.
27 Special aptitude.

Down

2 Accumulate.
3 Oust.
4 International pact.
5 Worn away.
6 Multitude.
8 Tool.
12 Fold.
13 Insensate.
14 Commanding.
17 Worship.
18 Agree to take.
20 New.
21 Foreign.
23 Frank.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS:—1 Cobalt, 4 Abode, 7 Mortal, 8 Bliss, 10 Late, 12 Diverge, 15 Older, 16 Vend, 17 Tone, 19 Fates, 20 Erected, 21 Disc, 23 Merit, 24 Silent, 25 Blant, 26 Stated.

DOWN:—1 Complete, 2 Baritone, 3 Loaf, 5 Believed, 6 Design, 9 Tired, 11 Election, 12 Defer, 13 Resident, 14 Educated, 18 Ordeal, 22 Lift.

RUSSIA NOT GETTING SET FOR AGGRESSION

New York, January 16.

Dr. Arnost Heidrich, former Secretary-General of the Czech Foreign Office, considers that Communist activities do not suggest that the Soviet Union is at present preparing for an aggressive war against the West.

This is according to James Reston, Washington Correspondent of the New York Times.

Reston says that Heidrich, who disappeared last November, has reached Washington with a detailed story of Communist activities and plans in Eastern Europe.

He adds that Heidrich, who is well known and trusted by the United States Government, has been brought to Washington by the United States authorities.

Reston quotes Heidrich as saying that Generalissimo Stalin is trying to build up an Eastern Ruhr in Czechoslovakia and Poland.

Heidrich is quoted as saying:

Secret Weapons

"The Soviet Union seems to be developing Czechoslovakia primarily as a source of economic reconstruction in Russia, as a source of military supplies and as a strategic territory that must be denied to the Western Powers, rather than as a base for attack on the West."

Heidrich, who is 59, was legal and political adviser to Dr. Edvard Benes, former Czech President, for 14 years. He managed to bring his wife and child out of Czechoslovakia with him.

He is also said to have reported that Russia is receiving some tanks and guns from Czechoslovakia, but is demanding shipment of them in a semi-finished condition so that they can be finished in secret in Russia.

Not Trusted

Heidrich is further quoted as saying that it is obvious the Russians do not trust the Czech Army, and do not feel they can wage war against the West on Czech soil.

The Russians, he said, are using every possible kind of pressure and police state tactics to gain control over the economic life of the whole of Eastern Europe, with a view of re-building their own strength at the expense of others.

Heidrich is reported to have described President Klement Gottwald as a good Czech but not the strongest man in the Government, and that he holds his post mainly because Generalissimo Stalin likes him personally.—Reuter.

Major Calamity In Greece

Athens, January 16.

One of the largest textile mills in the Balkans and Middle East was destroyed during four days of fighting in Naoussa, Greek industrial town 90 miles West of Salonika, according to a Greek Staff communique.

The town was attacked by a large band of guerillas early on Wednesday morning but, the communique said, on Saturday the rebels had been pushed seven miles North West of the town.

Destruction of the textile mill—the Lanaras Kyntais—is described by its proprietor as a major calamity and a serious blow to the national economy.

The mill employed 3,000 workers and the damage is said to exceed £1,500,000.

The communique said the extent of the damage in the town is beyond description. All factories and public buildings and 200 houses were destroyed or damaged.

The mayor and three other officials were murdered and 300 civilians abducted.

The communique makes no mention of civilian or military casualties which are believed to be high.—Associated Press.

Rector Wants A Charwoman

Birmingham, January 16.

The Reverend Bryan Green in his first sermon as Anglican Rector of Birmingham today, appealed to his unusually large congregation to find him a charwoman. He said: "I have taken over a very big rectory, really far too big for my wants. For the last fortnight my wife and I, with the help of some parishioners, have been scrubbing it and both of us now have corns on our hands."

Reverend Green, aged 48, drew 40,000 worshippers to St. John the Divine Cathedral in New York during his gospelling tour of the United States last autumn. Birmingham churchgoers, intrigued by stories of his "pepped up" preaching methods, streamed into the Church of St. Martin's for the morning service. The attendance was nearly 900, compared with the usual 100.—Reuter.

COMMUNISM IN SWEDEN

Stockholm, January 16.

A lightning strike in the Swedish Goeta shipyards yesterday, when 300 men downed tools without warning, was described by a Metal Workers Union spokesman today as the first of a series organised by Communists against the Government's wage and price stabilisation policy.

He said the Communists have been agitating against the Government in Gothenburg and other industrial towns for some time.

The spokesman claimed that the strike is unofficial because the men did not give the legal week's notice. He added that if they do not resume work tomorrow, the union will bring the strike before a labour court.—Reuter.

VATICAN AND SCIENCE

Vatican City, January 16.

The Pontifical Academy of Science will renew its programme of study weeks, interrupted by the war.

The first of the new series, to which noted scientists from all over the world will be invited to attend, will probably be held early next spring on a biological subject.

Discussions will be in private. At their conclusion a collective note will be issued and sent to scientific centres of the world.—Associated Press.

EFFECT OF MUSIC ON MENTAL PATIENTS

London, January 16.

Two doctors have been experimenting here on the effect of music on mentally-ill patients.

The results of the attempts by the doctors, D. Mitchell and A. Zanker, to use music as a form of group therapy are published in the current "Lancet," the British medical journal.

The doctors recall that Pythagoras, the Greek philosopher and mathematician, is said to have cured many mentally-ill patients with music and to have composed melodies against despondency, anger and desires.

For months, these modern doctors met a group of 14 patients of both sexes—mainly young or middle-aged—once a week for an hour in a small hospital library. Gramophone records of all types of music, from swing to Beethoven, were played to them.

Here are some of the results:

Archaic Forces

Modern dance music had little effect on the patients. Traditional music and folk songs aroused a spirit of friendliness and ease among them.

"These, though they stir up archaic forces in the mind, are, it seems, strongly integrating," the doctors said.

Impressionistic music stimulated interest in the more withdrawn patients but had no therapeutic value.

Serious contemporary music, by such composers as Stravinsky, Bartok and Varese, was sometimes powerful enough to bring repressed unconscious forces into the consciousness of inhibited schizophrenic (split personality) patients.

"Integration of the mind was not necessarily fostered, however, and might even be hindered because the patient could not come to terms with the emotions aroused," the doctors found.

Classical Music

The architectural and formal structure of the classical style gave the patients an increased feeling of security.

The romantic style brought emotional release, especially on inhibited sensuous experience.

Summing up the doctors' findings that attempts at personality reconstruction may be made by appealing to the fundamental need for form and beauty, the Lancet asked: "Must this appeal be confined to what enters by ear?"

The journal recommended sights and smells—thought to be the strongest evocants of memory—to influence moods.—Reuter.

BRITISH BAN ON RED MEETINGS

Duesseldorf, January 16.

The British Military Government has prohibited several meetings in the towns of North Rhine-Westphalia which were to have been addressed by the Communist leader, Max Reimann, and other prominent West German Communist speakers.

Reimann has been summoned to appear before a Control Commission Court on Tuesday in connection with a recent speech in which he is alleged to have described German politicians who support the Ruhr Statute as quislings and to have threatened them with reprisals.—Reuter.

Russian Wants Conciliation

Paris, January 16.

The Soviet member of the World Federation of Trade Unions' Executive Bureau, M. Vassily Kuznetsov, has asked for conciliation talks over the proposal of the British Trades Union Congress that the Bureau suspend its function for one year.

M. Kuznetsov has proposed that the talks be held before tomorrow's meeting of the Executive Bureau.

The Czechoslovak Trade Union Council has sent a protest to the Secretary General of the World Federation, M. Louis Saillant, against the proposal of the British Trade Union Congress proposal that the WFTU'S Executive Bureau suspend its function for one year.

The protest states that the adoption of the proposal will mean the destruction of the unity of the working class througout the world.—Reuter.

FIELD MARSHALL UNDER ARREST

Cairo, January 16.

Field Marshal Aziz El Masry Pasha, pre-war Chief of the Egyptian Army General Staff, was arrested at his home here last night together with two companions.

A police search of his house is said to have revealed documents of an incriminating nature. During the war, the Field Marshal was arrested at Cairo aerodrome, accused of attempting to escape into Axis territory.—Reuter.

Trouble Looming In France

Paris, January 16.

Police went into action early today to clear sit-down strikers from the Paris motorcar works of Panhard Levassor, where 3,000 workers have been on strike since Thursday, demanding higher wages.

This followed a warning last night by the Premier, M. Henri Queuille, that he would adhere to his wage freezing programme. His warning seemed addressed as much to some of his left-wing Cabinet colleagues as to the workers.

A new struggle in France between the Government and organised labour over higher wage demands seems imminent following several lightning strikes for increased wages in the past few days.

Agitation for a general increase follows the passing by Parliament of an onerous but theoretically balanced budget.

The main pressure comes from the Communist-led General Confederation of Labour (the CGT), but the movement is fully supported at this stage by the Socialist, Christian and other trade union organisations.

This creates a difficult position inside the Coalition Government, where some Socialist and Popular Republican Ministers are inclined to think that some new wage concessions to labour are desirable.

The recent order freezing prices at their level on December 31 is regarded as more spectacular than effective, and intended as an assurance to labour that the Government is continuing its efforts to force down prices.

The Government is counting more on the downward trend in world cereal prices to react on the cost of retail food prices in France. It wants to gain two or three months' time and hopes that by the spring the world trend will have introduced a stabilising element more effective than any Government control measures.—Reuter.

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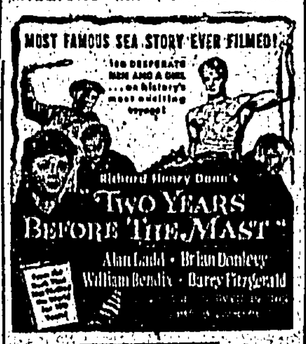

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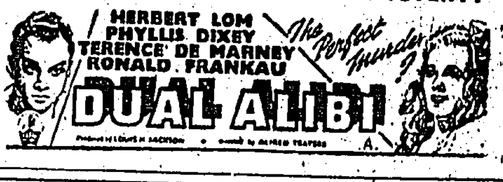

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PALESTINE PROBLEMS

Stress continues to be laid on the necessity for an unswerving policy of co-operation between Britain and the United States to achieve a settlement in Palestine, and this was the purpose of the visit of British Ambassador to President Truman at the end of last week. No emphasis should, of course, be required, as the threatened crisis is a problem not merely of Palestine but of the peace and security of the Middle East as a whole, in which American interest is as great as that of Britain.

The maintenance of tranquillity in the Middle East has been the constant keynote of British policy ever since the British Government assumed the Mandate for Palestine after World War I and, consequently, long before the conflict between Jews and Arabs had become acute. This, too, was the British Government's motive in forging a system of treaties to which the British Government owe their present commitments to Egypt, Iraq and Transjordan.

"It is common knowledge that but for the existence of Britain's treaties with Egypt and Iraq it would have been possible for the Axis powers in the late war to gain control of the entire North African littoral, to control the Levant and encircle Turkey: it is even doubtful whether, but for the British position in Egypt and Iraq, it would have been possible to assure Allied access to the oil of Persia and Iraq. The motive which prompted this policy remain the same today. It is of paramount importance not only to British security but to that of Western Union and of all democratic States that the Middle East should be preserved from the threat of aggression and from internal strife. Always therefore it has been the policy of the British Government to attempt to bring about an understanding between Arabs and Jews and since the outbreak of fighting to restore peace.

Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of Israel, in a press interview last week, appealed to the British public to help in the achievement of peace and reconciliation in Palestine. To this it is replied in London that so far from pursuing a "pro-Arab" policy the British Government have co-operated loyally in carrying out the Security Council's arms embargo which, through the cutting off of normal supplies of Arab countries at a time when the embargo was being constantly violated in the interests of the Jews, has, in fact, operated strongly in favour of the Jews and against the Arabs.

But the British view today is that the threat to peace and security both locally and in the Middle East comes from the unprovoked attacks of the Jews—as attested by Dr. Bunche, in his report to the Security Council—and that questions of sympathy for Jew or Arab must be secondary to the wider question of maintaining peace in the Middle East and vindicating the authority of the United Nations. In these circumstances the only possible policy for the British Government is to range themselves solidly behind the resolutions of the Security Council. This calls for a supreme effort in support of peace, and American co-operation.

THE SIXTIETH INSTALMENT

CRUSADE IN EUROPE

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's Own Story Of The War In Europe

The German Sixth Panzer Army, which had appeared on our front, was the strongest and most efficient mobile reserve remaining to the enemy within his whole country. When it arrived on our front it was originally stationed opposite the left of the Twelfth Army Group, apparently to operate against any crossing of the Roer. When the American attacks on that front had to be suspended early in December, we lost track of the Sixth Panzer Army and could not locate it by any means available. At that time some Intelligence reports indicated a growing anxiety about our weakness in the Ardennes, where we knew that the enemy was increasing his infantry formations. Previously he had, like ourselves, been using that portion of the front in which to rest tired divisions.

This type of report, however, is always coming from one portion or another of a front. The commander who took counsel only of all the gloomy Intelligence estimates would never win a battle; he would forever be sitting, fearfully waiting for the predicted catastrophes. In this case I later learned that the man who predicted the coming of the attack estimated, during its crisis, that the enemy had six or seven divisions of fresh and unused reserves ready to hurl into the fight.

In any event the fighting during the autumn followed the pattern I had personally prescribed. We remained on the offensive and weakened ourselves where necessary to maintain those offensives. This plan gave the German opportunity to launch his attack against a weak portion of our lines. If giving him that chance is to be condemned by historians, their condemnation should be directed at me alone.

Chapter 18

HITLER'S LAST BID

On December 16, 1944, General Bradley came to my headquarters to discuss ways and means of overcoming our acute shortages in infantry replacements. Just as he entered my office a staff officer came in to report slight penetrations of our lines in the front of General Middleton's VIII Corps and the right of General Gerow's V Corps in the Ardennes region. The staff officer located the points on my battle map, and Bradley and I discussed the probable meaning.

I was immediately convinced that this was no local attack; it was not logical for the enemy to attempt merely a minor offensive in the Ardennes, unless of course it should be a feint to attract our attention while he launched a major effort elsewhere. This possibility we ruled out. On other portions of the front either we were so strong that the Germans could not hope to attack successfully, or there was a lack of major objectives that he could reasonably hope to attain. Moreover, we knew that for a number of days German troop strength in the Ardennes area had been gradually increasing. It was through this same region that the Germans launched their great attack of 1940 which drove the British forces from the Continent, and France out of the war. That first attack was led by the same commander we were now facing, Von Rundstedt. It was possible that he hoped to repeat his successes of more than four years earlier. We had always been convinced that before the Germans acknowledged final defeat in the West they would attempt one desperate counteroffensive. It seemed likely to Bradley and me that they were now starting this kind of attack.

On the North of the critical region General Hodges' First Army, in its attack against the Roer dams, had as yet engaged only four divisions. On the South of the Ardennes front General Patton was still concentrating and preparing for the renewed attack against the Saar which was to begin December 19.

Bradley and I were sufficiently convinced that a major attack was developing against the centre of the Twelfth Army Group to agree to begin shifting some strength from both flanks toward the Ardennes sector. This was a preliminary move—rather a precaution—made in order to support the 75-mile length of the VIII Corps front, providing our calculations as to German intentions should prove correct.

We called a number of the SHAEF staff into our conference room; among them were Air Chief Marshal Tedder, and Generals Smith, Harold R. Bull, and Strong. The operational maps showed that on each flank of the Ardennes the bulk of a United States armoured division was out of the front lines and could be moved quickly. On the North was the 7th Armoured Division commanded by Major General Robert W. Hasbrouck. In Patton's army on the South was the 10th Armoured Division under Major General William H. Morris, Jr.

With the staff we carefully went over the list of reserves then available to us. Among those most readily accessible was the XVIII Airborne Corps under General Ridgway, located near Reims. It included the 82nd and the 101st Airborne Divisions, both battle-tested formations of the highest calibre. The had shortly before been heavily engaged in the fighting in Holland, and were not yet fully rehabilitated. Moreover, they were relatively weak in heavy supporting weapons, but these Bradley felt he could supply from the unthreatened portion of his long line.

The U.S. 11th Armoured Division had recently arrived and the 17th Airborne Division was in the United Kingdom ready to come to the Continent. The 87th Infantry Division could also be brought into the area within a reasonable time.

In the British sector, far to the North, Montgomery was preparing for a new offensive. At the moment he had one complete corps, the 30, out of the line. With the resources available to us, we were confident that any attack the German might launch could eventually be effectively countered. But we were under no illusions concerning the weakness of the VIII Corps line or the ability of any strong attack to make deep penetrations through it. We agreed, therefore, that in the event the German advance should prove to be an all-out assault we would avoid piecemeal commitment of reserves. The temptation in such circumstances is always to hurl each individual reinforcement into the battle as rapidly as it can be brought up to the line. This habit was a weakness of Rommel's. In the face of a great attack it merely assures that each reinforcing unit is overwhelmed by the strength of the advance. We knew that even if we should finally succeed in this fashion in stopping the advance there would be nothing available for a decisive counterstroke. On the other hand, it would be necessary to assist the VIII Corps rapidly with sufficient forces so that it could withdraw its lines in orderly fashion and save the bulk of its strength.

We went over, again, the limit of the penetration that we could, if necessary, permit in that region without irretrievable damage to ourselves. This line covered the cities of Luxembourg and Sedan on the South, followed the Meuse River on the West, and covered Liege on the North. Farther back than this we would not go, and we would of course stop the enemy earlier if possible.

One factor that caused us special concern, even anxiety, was the weather. For some days our great air force had been grounded because of clouds and impenetrable fog. The air force was one of our greatest assets, and now, until the weather improved, it was practically useless. As long as the weather kept our planes on the ground it would be an ally of the enemy worth many additional divisions.

Following the conference, Bradley returned to his own headquarters in the city of Luxembourg, whence he kept in almost hourly contact with me by telephone during the next few critical days.

Bradley's first task was to bring up reinforcements to help in the withdrawal of the VIII Corps. In the meantime both Bradley's headquarters and my own would begin to gather up and assemble reserves for whatever action might be indicated as more exact information became available to us.

Middleton's divisions, employed along the front of the VIII Corps from North to South, were the 106th Division under Major General Alan W. Jones, the 28th Division under Major General Norman D. Cota, and the 4th Division under Major General Raymond O. Barton. The 9th Armoured Division, under Major General John W. Leonard, was also part of Middleton's corps.

The morning of December 17 it became clear that the German attack was in great strength. Two gaps were torn through our line, one on the front of the 106th Division, the other on the front of the 28th. Reports were confusing and exact information was meagre, but it was clear that the enemy was employing considerable armour and was progressing rapidly to the Westward. All Intelligence agencies, of course worked tirelessly and we soon had a very good picture of the general strength of the German attack.

For the assault Von Rundstedt concentrated three armies. These were the Fifth and Sixth Panzer Armies and the Seventh Army. Included were ten Panzer and Panzer Grenadier divisions and the whole force totalled twenty-four divisions with their supporting troops. Some of this information did not become available until later in the battle, but by the evening of the seventeenth Intelligence agencies had identified seventeen divisions and were certain that at least twenty were involved in the operation.

To Be Continued

CANTONESE BY RADIO

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Lesson 14

Vocabulary:—

71.	(faan) $_3$faan	A meal. Food. Rice (cooked).
72.	(ts'aan) tsaan^1	A meal. Food.
73.	(shik) $_3$shik	To eat.
74.	(mei) $_3$may	Not yet.
75.	(lok) lok^3	A final particle expressing finality.
76.	(ts'oi) tsoy^3	Vegetable.
77.	(ue) $_1$yue	Fish.
78.	(ngau) $_1$ngau	An ox. A cow. A steer.
79.	(chek) jek^3	Classifier for animals, birds, and some parts of the body.
80.	(yuk) $_3$yook	Meat. Flesh.
81.	(yau) $_1$yau	Oil. Fat.

Useful phrase:

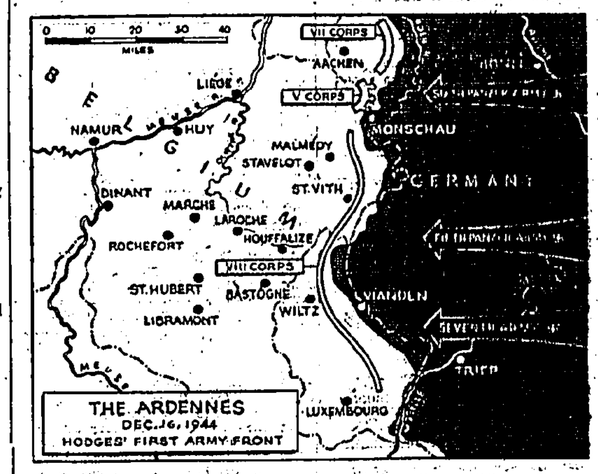
(13)	"Jung^1 yee^5"	To like.

Combinations:

1.	$_3$Shik $_2$faan	To eat a meal. (Chinese)
2.	$_3$Shik tsaan^1	To eat a meal. (European)
3.	$_3$Shik jaw^2 $_3$faan	Have eaten meal. (Chinese)
4.	$_3$Shik jaw^2 tsaan^1	Have eaten a meal. (European)
5.	Yut^1 $_1$teeoo $_1$yue	One fish.
6.	Yut^1 jek^3 $_1$ngau	One ox. One cow.
7.	$_1$Ngau $_3$yook	Beef.
8.	$_1$Ngau $_1$yau	Butter.

Sentences:

1.	$_2$Nay $_3$shik jaw^2 $_3$faan $_3$may ah$^{[3]}$?	Have you had your meal yet?
2.	$_2$Ngaw $_3$shik jaw^2 $_3$faan lok$_3$.	I have had my meal.
3.	$_2$Ngaw $_3$may $_3$shik $_3$faan.	I haven't had my meal yet.
4.	$_2$Nay jung^1 yee^5 $_3$shik mee^1 $_2$yeh neh^1?	What do you like to eat?
5.	$_2$Ngaw jung^1 yee^5 $_3$shik $_1$yue, jung^1 yee^5 $_3$shik $_1$tsoy^3.	I like to eat fish and vegetables.
6.	$_2$Nay jung^1 yee^5 $_1$ngau $_3$yook mah$^{[3]}$?	Do you like beef?
7.	$_2$Ngaw hoh^2 jung^1 yee^5 $_1$ngau $_3$yook.	I like beef very much.
8.	$_2$Nay jung^1 $_1$m jung^1 yee^5 $_1$ngau $_1$yau neh^1?	Do you like butter?
9.	$_2$Ngaw $_1$m jung^1 yee^5 $_1$ngau $_1$yau.	I don't like butter.



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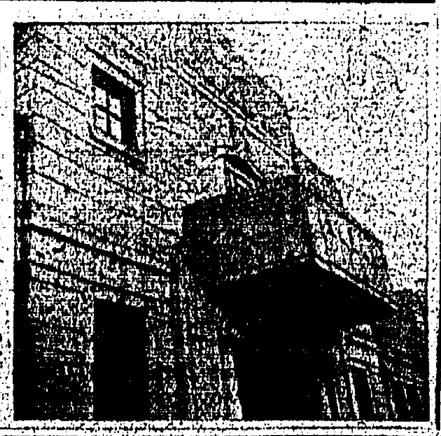

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ANGLO-U.S. AGREEMENT ON STRATEGIC AIMS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

London, January 16.

The crisis in Palestine has at least made it clear that the United States and Britain still have a broad understanding on strategic aims for the Middle East.

On the other hand, there is no evidence that the exchanges between the British Ambassador in Washington, Sir Oliver Franks, and the acting Secretary of State, Mr. Robert Lovett, and subsequently with President Truman, have resolved the differences between London and Washington on the immediate means of achieving these aims.

British policy is tied to achieving a settlement in conformity with the successive resolutions of the United Nations Security Council.

American policy, perhaps more realistically, in the light of recent events, is laying the emphasis on direct negotiations in Rhodes between Israel and Egypt, without undue stress on the strict letter of the United Nations resolutions.

In fact, Washington regards the Negev truce resolution of November 4 as a dead letter.

The big point at issue is possession of the Negev. Here Britain clings to the United Nations formula, while Washington prefers to allow the Conciliation Commission and direct negotiations between the interested parties play the deciding role.

From London, the prospects of maintaining peace still appear uncertain, although Washington is clearly far more optimistic.

In the negotiations at Rhodes, it will not be easy for the Egyptian negotiators to agree to an armistice based on relinquishing the Negev, even if this were accompanied by the release of the Egyptian garrison of 4,000 now encircled by the Jews at Faluja.

A Paradox

There is reason to believe that Israel will now be satisfied with nothing less than the Negev.

While the danger of tension between Britain and America over Palestine has lessened, it remains to be seen whether Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, may not feel compelled to give a full account of the history of the policy co-ordination on Palestine and the Middle East between London and Washington.

Paradoxically, the British and American attitudes towards the Indonesian dispute, which is due for fresh discussions in the Security Council, are almost exactly the reverse off their attitude towards Palestine.

Britain here appears more realistic-minded, in the light of the recent Dutch action in the East Indies, while America is still using the language of the strict interpretation of the United Nations resolutions on the subject.

The Dutch representative at Lake Success is expected to give assurances regarding the creation of a provisional Indonesian Government, early elections under United Nations observation, and the eventual transfer of sovereignty to a United States of Indonesia.

China Mediation

There is no evidence that the Dutch will agree to act on the United Nations resolutions demanding withdrawal to military positions previous to the Dutch military action.

Britain is expected to welcome the assurances, but to insist that they should be followed by early proof that they will be given substance. Whether Washington will continue to insist upon a military withdrawal is not yet clear.

It is now considered certain in London that the Chinese Government's attempt to secure a cease-fire, followed by four-power mediation by the United States, Britain, France and Russia to pave the way for a Coalition regime, will fail.

The United States is understood to have despatched instructions to its Nanking Embassy to make a negative reply, and Britain will undoubtedly follow suit.—Reuter.

King Paul Appeals To Leaders

Athens, January 16.

Greek political leaders tonight agreed to form a new Coalition Government after King Paul's appeal for an all-party United Government of National Salvation.

The 10 leaders, representing all legal political parties, decided to leave the King to choose the Premier of the new Cabinet.

King Paul's appeal, which he read to the 10 leaders gathered at the Palace this morning, was short and took only three minutes to read.

It stressed the King's hope for a Parliamentary solution. "You are the leaders of the Greek people, elected by legal and honest elections," he said. "Consequently, it is your duty to find a possible and practicable solution to the present political crisis."

Call for an end to the political squabbles until complete peace has been restored in the country and it has been possible to hold new elections, the King added: "I am sure that in 24 hours you will prove to me, to the nation and to the world in general that parliamentary Government, in which we all believe and to which you are responsible, has not failed at a moment of crisis, but can rise to the occasion and show itself worthy of the confidence which the Greek people placed in you, severally and collectively.

"I again call on your patriotism. Through my lips you have heard the voice of the Greek people. You are the leaders. Take the helm."

The King told the leaders that unless they formed an all-party United Government of National Salvation within 24 hours, he would find another solution for which he hoped Parliament will grant full support.

The King added: "If you are unable to give the solution I request you will have failed the people's trust."—Reuter.

Arab League To Join In Peace Talks?

London, January 16.

M. Constantine Stavropoulos, legal adviser to the acting Palestine Mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche, has told the Syrian Premier that all the Arab League nations will be asked to talk peace with the Jews in the event of a successful outcome of the negotiations in Rhodes between Israel and Egypt.

M. Stavropoulos talked with the Syrian Premier, Khaled El Azem, after his visits to Beirut and Amman to sound the Lebanese and Transjordan Governments on the question of direct conferences with the Jews for peace in Palestine.

According to unconfirmed reports from Haifa, a United Nations aircraft is standing by at Haifa to carry a Lebanese delegation to Rhodes if the Jewish-Lebanese preliminary peace talks going on somewhere in the North prove successful.—Reuter.

Wealthy But He Didn't Know It

London, January 16.

Joseph William Toft travelled to and from his suburban home near London for six months not knowing that he was a comparatively rich man.

Neighbours first told him of it. Mr. Toft rang a solicitor to check and found he had been left £2,200. If he had been 12 hours later in claiming it he would have lost it.

Toft's stepmother, who died last July, left him £2,200 when she died, with another £20 to be spent on searching for him to tell him of his fortune.

If he could not be found in six months, the executors were at liberty to presume his death. Appeals for Toft were widely circulated but not until the last day of the six months did Toft contact the solicitor, saying a neighbour had just brought to his attention the notice about the inheritance.—Reuter.

Jap Real Estate To Be Returned

Tokyo, January 17.

A stepping up of the return of real estate in Japan to pre-war Allied owners and promulgation of an ordinance to facilitate the return of shares and stocks to former Allied holders are promised by Japanese officials.

Since the SCAP directive ordering the return of Allied real estate was issued in May, 1940, more than 130 cases have been dealt with, but almost 2,000 are still awaiting action.

Prodding by impatient Allied owners has resulted in the promise of faster handling of the problem by the Japanese Government.

Meanwhile, the Finance Ministry is preparing an administrative ordinance laying the basis for the return of shares to pre-war Allied nationals.

Officials estimate that foreign-held stocks affected by the measure had a total value of about 100 million Yen at the time during the war when the Japanese Government disposed of them.

Since the Japanese Government disposed of them at a depressed value, Japanese newspapers have estimated that the shares are actually worth about 300 million yen.

The difficult question of restitution of shares, or compensation for losses, probably will not be settled until orders have been received from SCAP.—Reuter.

BLACK DAHLIA MYSTERY

Los Angeles, January 16.

The Black Dahlia murder mystery is two years old today and remains just as big a mystery as ever.

The latest in a long series of suspects, Jeff Connors, was freed last night, and the police admit they have no other suspects in sight.

The police said investigation failed to produce evidence that Connors is implicated or is the killer.—United Press.

U.S. Policy At Sixes And Sevens

Washington, January 17.

American foreign policy has been working at cross-purposes in the Orient, says the Foundation for Foreign Affairs.

The Association warns that the U.S. objective will be imperilled unless there is an early reintegration of U.S. policies in China and Japan.

The goal of American foreign policy in the Orient immediately after the war was to end Japan's hegemony in the Orient and to strengthen China for a greatly expanded role in Asia, it says.

Three and a half years later, the U.S. is disinvolving itself in a divided and greatly weakened China and simultaneously is rebuilding Japan.

"In pressing for the recovery of Japan there is a danger that we may, by our actions, weaken even further the central government of China.

"That we are approaching a danger point in this respect is indicated by opposition in China to our economic policies for Japan".—Associated Press.

REALISM NEED ON PALESTINE

Boston, January 16.

Commenting on the Anglo-American talks regarding the Near East, the influential Christian Science Monitor says that while the setting of Israel's boundaries should be subject to United Nations approval, Britain and the United States can do much to clarify the entire Palestine problem from UN.

The paper says that the logic of the Palestine situation with its global ramification calls for realistic assessment of both Israel's needs and those of the Arab nations by London and Washington.

"This should be followed by United Nations co-operative effort to win approval of a majority of its members for boundaries that serve justice, freedom and peace the world over," the paper concludes.—United Press.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR HONG KONG?

The photo shows the front of the Kowloon Cricket Club building at King's Park, Kowloon.

Jewish Relations With Britain

London, January 16.

A resolution expressing great concern at the present crisis in relations between Great Britain and Israel was passed unanimously by the National Conference of the World Jewish Congress (British Section) today.

Its resolution adds that the Conference regards friendship between Britain and Israel as essential to the peace and prosperity of the Middle East.

The indispensable foundation of such good relations, the resolution adds, is a frank and loyal acceptance by all nations of the decisions of the United Nations General Assembly, including recognition by all nations of the State of Israel.

Mr. Sydney Silverman, Labour Member of Parliament, who introduced the resolution, said he finds it difficult to understand why a war waged by Egypt against Israel is of no concern to Britain but a defensive war against Egypt by Israel is a matter of grave concern requiring military forces to be despatched.

There are definite and legitimate British interests in the Middle East—either mineral, strategic or tactical, economic and communications—Mr. Silverman said.

Every British Government will have to defend these interests but this can not be accomplished by bolstering reactionaries and medieval feudalism and destitution in the Arab lands.

Israel has shown how a neglected and derelict land can be brought back to civilisation and provide a prosperous home for a neglected and derelict people.—Reuter.

Rising Sun Put On The Ration

Tokyo, January 16.

The Japanese Government is planning to put the national flag on the list of rationed items.

Officials disclose that there is not enough cloth to go around to meet the increased demand for flags following General Douglas MacArthur's New Year message removing all restrictions on the use of Japan's national colours.

In pre-war days it was customary for most Japanese homes to display the "Rising Sun" flag at their residences on important national holidays and other special occasions. This was temporarily banned after the war and at such times the flag could be displayed only after permission from the Allied Supreme Commander.

The Commerce and Industry says new flags probably will have to be manufactured from silk fabrics because of the current shortage of cotton materials.

Although it is planned to put flags on the ration list and offer them at official prices, purchases will be entirely voluntary.

An attempt will be made to offer the first batch, probably during March, to cities which were wiped out in B-29 raids.

Officials report that conferences are under way looking toward the allocation of 200,000 square yards of cloth which will be sufficient to provide an initial lot of 180,000 flags.—United Press.

WINSTER BACK IN CYPRUS

Nicosia, January 16.

Lord Winster, who resigned the Governship of Cyprus last November, arrived here by plane today from London, where he had being spending two months' leave.

He is stated to have returned to wind up his affairs. No date has been given for the termination of his appointment.—Reuter.

Taft Calls For Slash In Budget

Washington, January 16.

Senator Robert Taft (Republican, Ohio), one of the top Republican spokesmen in Congress, today sounded a call for a US$3,000,000,000 cut in President Truman's US$41,000,000,000 spending programme for the fiscal year 1950.

Chairman of the powerful Senate Republican Policy Committee, Senator Taft also came out flatly against any tax increase and said that to boost taxes now will be to kill the goose that lays the golden egg.

Senator Taft appeared on a radio debate with Senators Joseph O'Mahoney, H. Alexander Smith and Paul Douglas.

Senator Smith agreed with Senator Taft that the budget can be cut and tax raises avoided, but Senators O'Mahoney and Douglas termed the budget "tight."

Mr. Douglas said even if some "water" is squeezed out, a tax increase appears inevitable.

Senator Taft's call for a $3,000,000,000 cut in the budget is the biggest such slash yet proposed by a leading member of Congress. Representative John Taber, ranking Republican on the House Appropriations Committee, has said that U.S.$2,000,000,000 and perhaps more can be trimmed.—United Press.

Chiang Must Go, Says Bloom

Washington, January 16.

Represented Sol Bloom said today that at least a part of China can be saved from the Communists only if Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is replaced.

Representative Bloom will become chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee on Tuesday and his attitude will play a part in determining what this country will do about future help for China.

He told reporters emphatically that it is necessary to "kick out" Chiang and his gang with him and to replace him with a strong leader under whose leadership China is willing to fight.—United Press.

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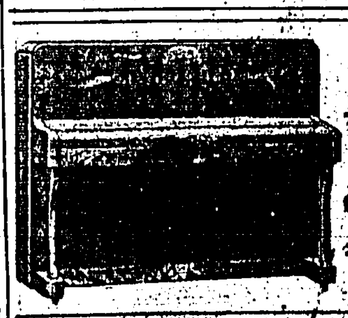

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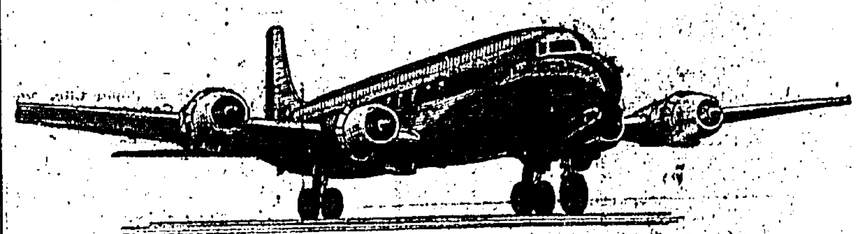

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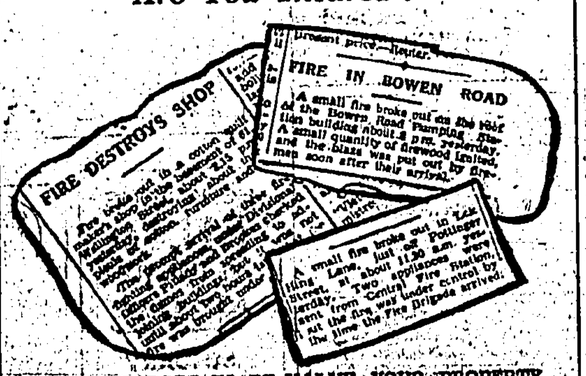

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REPUBLICAN LEADERS UNDER CLOSE GUARD

Batavia, January 17.

The United Nations Good Offices Committee said yesterday that the five captured Indonesian Republican leaders are being held under close guard by the Dutch in an isolated section of Bangka Island.

The Dutch said previously that the Republicans enjoyed complete liberty on the island, off the East Coast of Sumatra.

The Committee said they found the leaders detained in a single bedroom of a large building on a hill near Muntok.

The Committee identified those held as the Premier, Mohammed Hatta, Mohamed Ieumieum, chairman of the Republican delegation to Batavia, the Education Minister, Ali Sastroamidjojo, Air Commodore Suriadarma, and Assaat, chairman of the Parliamentary Working Committee.

The Committee reported to the Security Council that the Republicans are permitted limited access to the roof under guard. All windows are enclosed by wire netting as is the area around the door. Guards are on duty in sentry boxes immediately outside.

The Republicans are not permitted to leave the wired area, the Committee said, adding: "Up to two days before the visit of the Committee, when some additional furniture was installed, there were only two chairs and two tables."

On December 28, the Security Council gave the Dutch 24 hours in which to release captured Republican leaders, but did not say what would happen if the deadline were not met.

Refusal To Sign

On January 7, the Netherlands delegate, J. H. Van Royen, told the Council that nine Republican leaders were released from custody and that five of those were granted complete freedom. The four others, he said, enjoy complete liberty on Bangka. He listed them as President Soekarno, Premier Hatta, former Premier Sutan Sjahrir and Foreign Minister Hadji Agoes Salim.

The Good Offices Committee report made no mention of Soekarno, Sjahrir or Salim.

The Committee said Netherlands officials asked the Republicans on January 10 to sign a pledge to refrain from political activities, and assured them that if they gave such a pledge they would be given freedom to move about Bangka and their families would be permitted to join them. None signed.—Associated Press.

Plot To Assassinate Quirino

Manila, January 17.

The Bulletin today reported that, at a recent meeting of political leaders, President Quirino disclosed a plot to assassinate him.

The plot was discovered by Army intelligence men and Manila police operatives last year and confessions have been obtained from two men. Danger from the plot has now passed and the matter has been referred to the proper authorities for action.

The two men are described as members of a gang which had been broken up by Government forces. They said that a prominent businessman had arranged to pay them for executing the plot.—United Press.

Dutch Attack On Plan For Indies

Lake Success, January 17.

An official Dutch spokesman in New York yesterday described the United States plan for settling the Indonesian question as unparalleled interference in the domestic affairs of a member (United Nations) nation.

The American plan, disclosed informally but authoritatively on Friday, suggests that a United States of Indonesia be established by April 1, 1950.

It also provides for broadening the present UN Good Offices Committee, which has been trying to bring about peace in Indonesia.

This Commission would supervise the turn over of sovereignty from the Netherlands to the United States of Indonesia and the withdrawal of Dutch troops.

The Netherlands spokesman said the U.S. proposition is completely unacceptable to the Dutch. He said it threatens to create conflict between the Security Council and the Netherlands.

He added that it also is in conflict with the UN charter itself.

The Dutch spokesman said the American suggestion for widening the power of the Good Offices Committee cannot, by any stretch of the imagination, contribute any toward a solution of the Indonesian question.

The U.S. proposal was under study over the week-end, both in The Hague and in Batavia, the Dutch spokesman said.

An American delegation spokesman said a report that high ranking Indonesian officials are held under close guard probably will bring forth new demands on the Netherlands to release all Republican political prisoners.—Associated Press.

SPANISH FLEET

Madrid, January 17.

Spain's merchant fleet has been built back during the past four years to almost its pre-civil war peak of nearly 1,200,000 tons.

Official statistics put the total now at 1,250 ships totalling 1,119,413 gross tons.—Associated Press.

Taiwan's Part In U.S. Planning For China

Shanghai, January 16.

U.S. diplomatic, Army and Navy quarters remain tight-lipped on the part Taiwan may play in their future plans.

But the Economic Co-ordination Administration makes no effort to conceal that the Japanese-influenced island is not to be written off American plans in the Far East.

Engineering projects totalling $12,000,000, in ECA reconstruction, electric power, sugar, fertiliser and rail programmes, are continuing without interruption.

ECA is not looking, as far as he knows, to what the U.S. Air Force or Navy plan to do with the former Japanese island, but Taiwan has a larger part in the ECA's China plans.

No order to halt engineering work on four separate projects has come through and no instructions to hold the actual start of construction in abeyance has been received. Final word, however, will have to come from ECA Chief Paul Hoffman, he said.

Navy officials here say that as far as they know, the Navy now has no advisory units on Taiwan and no plans to set up any kind of new base there to which they can move the U.S. Western Pacific fleet in the event that Taingtao becomes untenable.

Direct Assault

A Navy spokesman, asked what would make Tsingtao untenable, replied: "Presumably, and speaking personally, it will require a direct Communist assault on Tsingtao to force the Navy to move out its personnel, ships, and other movable installations."

This will not happen in the foreseeable future, he believes.

Efforts to learn what the Navy policy regarding Tsingtao will be in the event all China falls to the Reds brought the reply that such a decision will rest with Washington.

The same answers came from the U.S. Army.

The Army instructional team of 12 officers and 12 enlisted men, operating under the Joint U.S. Military Advisory Group on Taiwan, has received no new instructions. Efforts on their part to learn what the future holds have been unsuccessful.

The only thing known is that no orders have come through to suspend supply service to them.

The Air Force section still there is a skeleton force of one or two planes with no regular duties, no regular flight schedules.

The few remaining pilots and ground crewmen, however, have been alerted to prepare to join their JUSMAG associates, who have been moved to Japan.

Reports persist that the Army personnel of JUSMAG will make their final move from Nanking shortly, but efforts to obtain official confirmation at headquarters get the same answer always given—no final orders received.—United Press.

COMMUNIST'S NEW TUNE

Milan, January 16.

The French Communist leader, M. Marcel Cachin, declared in Milan today: "We are willing to recognise the technical strength of the United States and to recognise the function of the United States in the world. But we cannot ignore another great nation, namely Russia, which has always carried on the work of peace."

Referring to his speech at the opening of the French National Assembly last Tuesday, in which he repudiated the idea of an inevitable war, Mr. Cachin said: "My only preoccupation in that speech was to speak in French to the French people. I was not obeying the Cominform or being servile to Molotov or Stalin."

M. Cachin was speaking in Milan as part of a campaign for a wider dissemination of the Communist press.—Reuter.

Bullitt's Mission Attacked

New York, January 16.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt's syndicated column suggests that Mr. Bullitt's recent mission to China impinged on the prerogatives of the executive branch of the U.S. government.

Without mentioning Mr. Bullitt by name, Mrs. Roosevelt wrote: "I watched with interest the free advice given out by the gentleman who was sent by the congressional committee to look over the situation in China."

She added: "After all we should be getting, through the State Department, better information from and about China than any visitor—who could not possibly have the background of a trained observer, nor knowledge of the past history in that area—can possibly furnish either the Congress or the President.

"There is no question but that Congress has the right to all information that any executive department has, but there is the saying that too many cooks spoil the broth."—United Press.

Protest Handed To Embassy

London, January 16.

A protest demanding the withdrawal of Dutch troops from Indonesia, the release of the President and Ministers of the Republic, and independence for the Indonesian people, was taken by a deputation to The Netherlands Embassy in London today.

The protest was made on behalf of London residents from several Asiatic countries, African and Middle East territories, including the Sudan, and of British citizens.

The Dutch Ambassador left a message regretting he could not receive the deputation today but will do so some time in the week.

The protest had been read out earlier to a mixed Asiatic, African and British gathering, in Hyde Park.

The Dutch action was condemned at a subsequent meeting in a London hall. A letter from Mr. Harold Laski, former Chairman of the Labour Party, who was unable to attend the meeting, described the Dutch action in Indonesia as "an ugly rape."

Among the speakers were a Vietnamese and two Indonesians.—Reuter.

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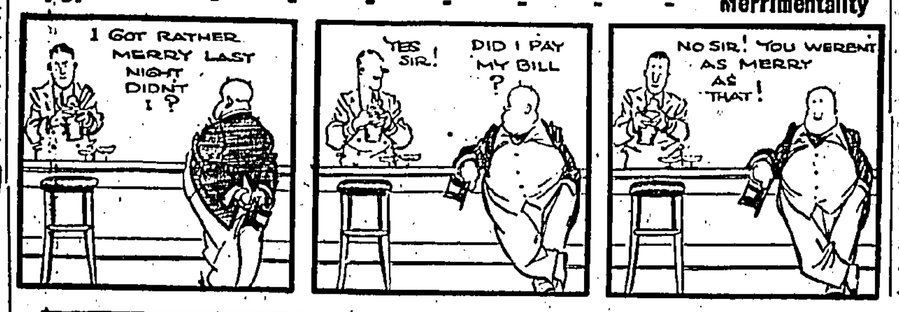

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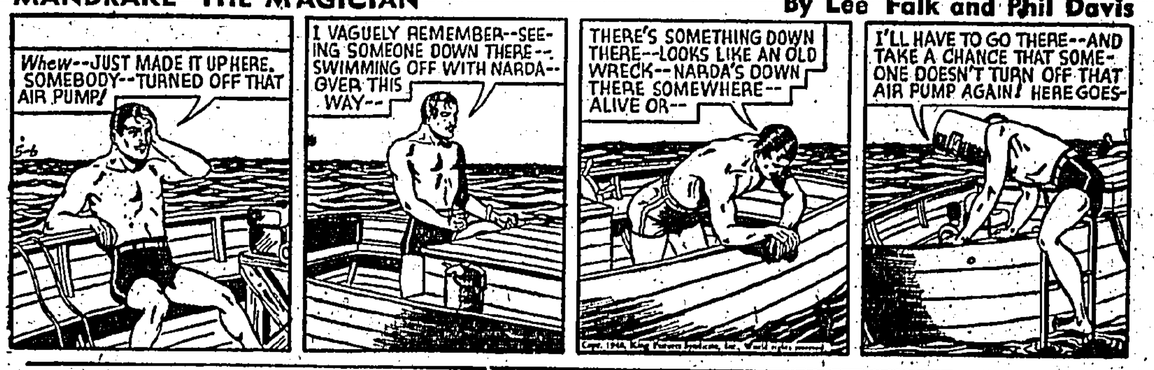

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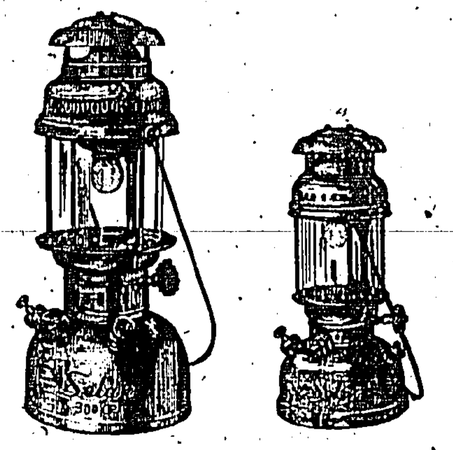

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ss. Chitral Completes Reconversion

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The work of reconditioning has been in hand in London since September 1947, when she was released from Government Service. The "Chitral" left London for Australia via Port Said, Aden and Colombo on the December 30, 1948.

Built on the Clyde by Alexander Stephen and Son she was one of three sister ships built for the Australian trade, and is today the only survivor. The "Comorin" whilst on Atlantic escort duty as an armed merchant cruiser, caught fire and sank in April 1941, whilst the "Cathay" was bombed at Bougie after landing assault troops for the North Africa invasion, and sank on the morning of November 12, 1942, aflame fore and aft.

CUTTING OF U.S. COTTON OUTPUT

New York, January 17.

Output of cotton mills in the United States is being cut to keep mills solvent, not to keep prices high, says W. Ray Bell, President of the Association of Cotton Textile Merchants of New York.

Mr. Bell said nothing can be farther from the truth than charges by labour spokesmen that the industry is cutting production instead of prices. "Prices of virtually all basic cotton textiles now approximate final OPA (wartime-controlled) ceilings," Mr. Bell

Northern Nations And The West

Copenhagen, January 16.

Scandinavian political leaders will begin here tomorrow a fortnight of discussions which are expected to produce decisions vital to Scandinavian and world politic.

The Danish parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee will receive reports from Danish military experts tomorrow and Tuesday on last week's Oslo talks with Norwegian and Swedish leaders.

Next week-end, the Norwegian, Swedish and Danish Premiers and Defence and Foreign Ministers will meet again in Copenhagen after their surprise and top-secret talks last week at Karlstad, Sweden.

This will be followed by a further meeting in Oslo on January 29 and 30.

The most important decision expected to emerge from these talks will be whether the Scandinavian countries intend to form a neutral regional military alliance not connected with the Western Powers, or whether they will join in an Atlantic Pact with the Brussels Pact powers.

Well-informed opinion here will be surprised if Scandinavia chooses any course other than a mutual regional pact, without commitments in the West (or East), but with good connections with the Western powers.

The progress of the military experts' meeting has been kept a closely guarded secret. The latest communique is merely a laconic announcement that a meeting has taken place, but it is known that the discussions were technical and not political.

Holland's Part

The Danish Chiefs of Staff's report tomorrow and Tuesday will have an important bearing on Denmark's attitude to a Scandinavian alliance.

Meanwhile, political observers at the Hague believe that Holland's contribution to the defence of Western Europe is under discussion in the course of conversation this week-end by Dutch Ministers and military chiefs with Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Chairman of the Commanders-in-Chief of Western Europe.

A great step forward is expected, settling points left undecided during Lord Montgomery's visit to Holland last November when the talks were largely exploratory.

One of the most difficult questions to be decided is whether Holland can provide the sum for defence that Lord Montgomery expects. Another Dutch problem is that of manpower, nearly all available Dutch forces being in Indonesia, but it is reported that Holland has promised to place three divisions, an airborne brigade, armoured troops and aircraft squadrons at the disposal of the Western European Command.

Lend—Lease

The training of these forces will take time, even if peaceful conditions return rapidly to Indonesia.

According to some observers, these difficulties will not stop Holland from making further sacrifices to play her full part in the combined defence programme for Western Europe.

On the financial side, the Dutch have been promised there will be no lack of equipment, and that financial conditions will be fair. But Holland's economic position is such that the Finance Minister is moving very warily in agreeing to provide large additional sums for defence.

He knows that the Dutch will have to dig deep into their pockets to meet the defence bill, but with a good portion of the arms and main equipment provided on some sort of lend-lease basis by the United States, Holland can pull its weight in Western Europe's defence scheme.

Indies Force

On the military side, the Dutch forces in Indonesia total about 85,000 soldiers, sailors and airmen, supplemented by about 34,000 regulars of the Indies Army, of whom about 60 per cent are Indonesians.

It is hoped to withdraw at least 40,000 Dutch troops from Indonesia this year and a further 30,000 within 18 months.

At the present time, there are only three battalions of trained regular troops in Holland, together with about 25,000 recruits being called up for training annually.

Taking into consideration the high population increase, Holland can call on much larger numbers for military service, but military specialists do not feel this will be the solution, nor does the Dutch Cabinet think that Holland's industry can be fully rehabilitated if there is a larger drain on manpower.—Reuter.

The Danger In The East

New Haven, Connecticut, January 17.

A Yale international relations expert thinks that if China is brought into the Soviet sphere, eventually the rest of East Asia will be consolidated against the U.S.

David N. Rowe, Associate Professor of International Relations at the University, said: "Any decision to halt Communist aggression in Asia must be taken now."

Recently returned from a trip to the Far East, Mr. Rowe claims the potential danger is enough to necessitate a drastic change in U.S. policy toward China.

He urged that China be given US$5,000,000,000 worth of arms in the next five years and be provided with a top level military leader to direct the war against the Communists.—Associated Press.

EGYPT FLOATS INTERNAL LOAN

London, January 166.

Egypt's internal loan, announced tonight, is evidently designed to mop up inflationary internal spending money.

The war in Palestine has aggravated Egypt's internal inflation, though it is probably not the only cause. Emphasising the patriotic angle doubtless strengthens the appeal of the loan. This is common practice in most countries, since disinflation, though essential, is nowhere very glamourous in itself.

Apparently the appeal is succeeding. To have such large proportions of the loan already taken up and at such low interest rates speaks well for Egyptian financial institutions.—Reuter.

Jury Finds Accused In Murder Case Fit To Plead

At the Supreme Court yesterday Mr. Justice Wicks, Acting Additional Judge, deplored the local practice of allowing a solicitor's clerk to take instructions from a prisoner.

"The sooner the practice stops the better, unless you can direct me to any legal authority," said Mr. Justice Wicks to Mr. A. J. Clifford, barrister-at-law.

The remarks were made during a hearing to decide whether or not one of two accused on a murder charge is fit to plead. Defence counsel for the accused concerned told the Court that he and his instructing solicitor and the solicitor's clerk had not been able to obtain instructions from accused.

The two accused were 63-year-old Ng Lun, and Tsang Tai, 46-year-old woman. They are charged with the murder of Ng Choi on August 8 last. Ng Choi was the husband of the woman accused.

As a result of Ng Lun's counsel not being able to obtain instructions from him to plead, a jury was empanelled to decide three issues—whether or not he is a mute, whether or not he is fit to plead, and whether or not he is insane.

The jury decided that accused was not a mute and found that he was fit to plead but mentally unsound.

When the charge was read out to Ng Lun and he was asked to plead, he replied "I don't know." When asked his name, he answered: "Name? what name?"

Behaviour In Gaol

Mr. J. Stuart, Superintendent of the Victoria Remand Gaol, testified yesterday that Ng Lun did not speak much while in the Remand Gaol. He was quiet. He mumbled at times. On one occasion he objected to "so many people around".

Dr. C. O. Lee, Prison Doctor said that while accused was under his observation, he was able to speak. When Dr. Lee last saw him on January 12, he refused to answer questions. After a brief deliberation, the jury decided that accused was not a mute.

Called again to testify on the issue whether or not accused was fit to plead, Dr. Lee said that when he saw accused on September 24, he alleged he had been assaulted by the police at Taipo with a hammer. No marks of injury were, however, found on his body.

Would Not Reply

Mr. Li Chi-keong, Mr. C.Y. Kwan's clerk, said that he accompanied Mr. Kwan and the defence counsel to the Remand Gaol on January 1. Witness said he went again the following day and stayed there from 3 p.m. to 4.35 p.m. He was alone with accused. Mr. Li explained that he remained there for that period trying to obtain instructions from accused. Accused would not reply to any questions.

Mr. Justice Wicks: Is a clerk entitled to take down instructions?

Mr. Mok: Yes.

Mr. Justice Wicks: A perfect stranger interviewing a man charged with murder for one and a half hours?

Mr. Mok explained that Mr. Li accompanied him on the previous day but they could not get anything out of accused. As Mr. Li could speak the accused's dialect, it was thought better for him to go there again and try to get instructions.

Mr. Justice Wicks: Will you explain to me what right has a solicitor's clerk to interview a person charged with murder?

Mr. A.J. Clifford, defence counsel for second accused, told Mr. Justice Wicks that it was a usual practice in Hong Kong.

Asked to quote an authority, Mr. Clifford said he could not, and asked Mr. Wicks whether he could quote an authority which prohibits a solicitor's clerk from interviewing a prisoner on behalf of a solicitor.

Mr. Justice Wicks remarked: The sooner this practice stops the better, unless you can direct me to any legal authority.

Mr. Heenan, counsel for the prosecution, told Mr. Justice Hicks that although he also was unable to give an authority, it is a practice in Hong Kong, provided the clerk is equipped with a letter of authorisation from the solicitor.

Mr. Justice Wicks replied that when a person is on a serious charge, only his solicitor and counsel should be allowed to interview him. In no circumstances should anyone else interview the prisoner, not even his relations, without anyone else being present.

Mr. C.Y. Kwan also testified on the fruitless attempts to obtain instructions from accused. He said he finally came to the conclusion that accused was not fit to plead.

The jury found that accused was fit to plead and later that he was mentally unsound.

The case was adjourned until tomorrow.

The Acting Additional Judge, Mr. Wicks congratulated Messrs. Mok and Kwok for the way they handled the case for the accused.

Temporary Police Post

A temporary police post, under a non-commissioned officer and nine men, has been established at Cha Kwo Ling, the "China Mail" learned from usually reliable sources.

Cha Kwo Ling is the site for the new Asiatic Petroleum Co.'s new installation, being constructed by the China Construction Co., and has, in recent months, been the scene of several clan fights between the coolies engaged on the construction work.

It has also figured several times in police court cases as the favourite hide-out for illicit stills.

It is under the jurisdiction of the Kowloon City police division, under Divisional Superintendent George Leys.

On the application of Inspector Moran, Mr. F.X. d'Almada at Central yesterday granted confiscation of a rusty revolver with six rounds of ammunition found in Queen's Road Central on January 15.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

JAPANESE COMPETITION IN TEXTILES WORRIES BRITAIN

London, January 17.

Future trade competition from Germany, jointly with Japan, has now become a serious source of commentary and of some complaint from British manufacturers and economic writers.

Japan is seen by most, quite simply, as a trade rival particularly in the field of textiles and textile machinery.

Only a few writers point out that better living standards in many countries should keep the demand for at least the cheaper textiles high for years to come, and that if Britain falls behind in capturing or holding foreign markets, manufacturers and workers alike will largely have themselves to blame for refusal to speed modernisation of the industry.

The German case is generally seen as more complicated, since there is a large measure of agreement with the continental view that a high level of German exports is essential for the economic revival of the remainder of Western Europe.

The main general question asked here is how high a level of exports can either Japan or Germany safely have, in order to become self-supporting without endangering the economic stability of others? But, in the case of Germany, the argument has to be carried further, to decide that point where German exports cease to make a contribution to Western European recovery, and become a menace to it.

Lancashire's Fear

The question about Japan is thought here to be somewhat academic so far as Britain is concerned, and large sections of Lancashire fear that, with American assistance, Japan will before long again reduce Britain's cotton textile industry to its disastrous pre-war condition.

In Germany, Britain has a substantial say about the level of production, and considerable backing from France, but even so it must be extremely difficult to draw the right line between sufficiency and superabundance. Publication of the German Bizone's four-year plan submitted to the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation in Paris has brought the matter into full daylight.

By 1952-53, the final year of the Marshall Aid period, both Britain and Germany plan to export about one-and-a-half times as much as before the war: Germany, 150 per cent. of the 1936 level and Britain 150 per cent. of the 1938 level. The chief planned exports from both countries lie in the same fields of production.

Textile Exports

By 1952-53, total exports from the Bizone are programmed at 3,000 million dollars, of which 35 per cent. would be machinery and optical equipment. Mining products would account for 15 per cent or some 34,588,000 metric tons of solid mineral fuels. (Britain's coal export target for the same year is 40 million long tons.)

Metal and metal products represent 14 per cent of the Bizone's proposed total exports, including 600,000 metric tons of finished steel. Chemicals are to account for a further 14 per cent., including 200,000 metric tons of refined petroleum products.

Textiles would amount to 7 per cent. These projected textile exports, at something over 200 million dollars, are much below the proposed British level for 1952-53; the latter is programmed at 1,462 million dollars in that year. The distribution of industrial investment is also roughly parallel in the two countries, the main emphasis being on the textile, oil-refining, engineering and chemical industries.

One strange divergence appears between the two plans: the Bizonal plan is based on the assumption that all currencies will have become convertible by the end of the Marshall Aid period.

Sir Stafford Cripps, British Chancellor of the Exchequer, has stated that the British plan assumes that neither sterling nor most of the other European currencies will be convertible by that time. For sterling, Sir Stafford forecast merely an increasing measure of transferability, notably amongst the other Marshall Aid countries of Western Europe.—Reuter.

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Money Market

Gold continuing its ascent after the week-end holidays went up to HK$408.50 a tael yesterday, after opening at $400.50. It closed slightly easier at $407.25.

US dollars remained firm at HK$5.15 for notes. The demand was for notes, and TT was sold for only HK$5.10.

Gold Yuan was quoted for Hong Kong delivery at 2.875 cents, for Canton remittances at 2.3375 cents, and for Shanghai remittances at 1.65 cents.

Piastres opened at HK$7.87½ a 100 and closed at $8.

Ticals were unchanged at HK$24 a 100.

NEI Guilders opened at HK$33.40 a 100 and remained unchanged throughout the day.

Sterling and Australian pounds were unchanged at HK$15 and HK$12.53 respectively.

Plan For ERP Goods Shipment

Washington, January 17.

Shippers and maritime union representatives will give their views on Tuesday on the ECA Chief, Mr Paul Hoffman's plan to haul more European recovery goods by foreign vessels.

American shippers at present handle at least half of the recovery agency's overseas trade.

Mr. Hoffman announced that beginning February 1 he will give foreign shippers a bigger share of business because their rates are lower.

Senator Edwin Johnson, Chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, asked Mr. Hoffman to hold up his new plan until Congress has a chance to review it.

In the House of Representatives, Schuller Bland introduced a bill that would kill Mr. Hoffman's plan entirely. — United Press.

Gunny Bags Ban Being Evaded

Singapore, January 17.

Reliable Indian sources here said that certain Indian shippers are evading the Indian Government's ban on the export of jute gunny bags to South Africa by reshipping them from Singapore and Hong Kong.

The ban was placed as protest against treatment of Indians in South Africa. Jute from West and East Bengal has been the principal material for the bags, which are extensively used in South Africa.

The Indian Government, said local sources, blamed the shippers in India for the evasion of the regulation, which provides that gunny bags are not re-exportable and prescribes severe penalties for violators.—Associated Press.

SIAMESE BUDGET

Bangkok, January 17.

Siam will seek to balance its 1949 public budget by increases in indirect taxes, cuts in allowances to Government officials and by slashing staffs of the two major Government rice handling bureaux in half.

Preliminary budgets showed a deficit gap of 1,600,000,000 Ticals between estimated revenue and expenditures. Income for the year was budgeted at 1,400,000,000 Ticals, expenses at 3,000,000,000 Ticals.—Associated Press.

INDIANS MAY GO SHORT OF RICE

Calcutta, January 17.

The disturbed political situation in Burma may cause a tightening of belts in India next year.

The possibility is reflected in a statement here by the Dominion Food Secretary, Mr. R. L. Gupta, that it is uncertain how much rice will be available for export from that country to this in 1949.

Burma, before her generously yielding acres of paddy-land were overrun by the Japanese, boasted of the largest exportable surplus of rice of any country in the world, running to some 3,000,000 tons.

Today the good earth is as fruitful as ever, but internal strife has made cultivation, harvesting and transhipment to ports extremely difficult.

The full effect of the situation has yet to be felt.

Siam, however, is expected to more than meet her export quota.

India's rice position is nevertheless likely to be difficult again this year, according to Mr. Gupta.

He said that about 2,000,000 tons of food grains may be expected during the first half of the year but that, as in previous years, supplies during the second half will not be forthcoming at the same rate.—United Press.

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Hongkong, 18th January, 1949.

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CATC ex-Taipeh via Amoy, Swatow: 6.20 p.m.; ex-Kunming via Liuchow, Canton: 6.30 p.m.
CPA ex-Manila: 11.30 a.m.
HK AIRWAYS ex-Canton: 9.40 a.m., 11.40 a.m., 2.40 p.m., 4.40 p.m.
PAA ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Midway, Wake, Guam, Manila: 2 p.m.
PAL ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Manila: 2 p.m.
BOAC ex-Southampton, Bangkok: 3 p.m.; ex-Singapore: 4 p.m.

TOMORROW

AIR FRANCE ex-Saigon: 5 p.m.
CNAC ex-Amoy via Swatow: 12.45 p.m., 5 p.m.; ex-Calcutta via Rangoon, Kunming: 1 p.m.; ex-Canton: 8.40 a.m., 10.10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12.50 p.m., 2.50 p.m., 3.35 p.m., 5.10 p.m.; ex-Hoihow via Canton: 6 p.m.; ex-Shanghai: 11.45 a.m.; ex-Swatow: 12.45 p.m., 5 p.m.; Yulin via Hoihow, Canton: 6 p.m.
CPA ex-Singapore via Bangkok: 2.30 p.m.
HK AIRWAYS ex-Canton: 9.40 a.m., 11.40 a.m., 2.40 p.m., 4.40 p.m.
PAA ex-New York via London, Istanbul, Karachi, Calcutta, Bangkok: 3.40 p.m.

THURSDAY

CNAC ex-Amoy via Swatow: 12.45 p.m., 5 p.m.; Amoy via Canton: 2.55 p.m.; ex-Canton: 8.40 a.m., 10.10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12.50 p.m., 2.50 p.m., 3.35 p.m., 5.10 p.m.; ex-Shanghai: 11.45 a.m.; Shanghai via Amoy, Canton: 2.55 p.m.; Shanghai via Taipeh, Swatow: 3.25 p.m.; ex-Swatow: 3.25 p.m.; ex-Taipeh via Swatow: 3.25 p.m.
CATC ex-Taipeh via Amoy, Swatow: 6.20 p.m.
CPA ex-Manila: 11.30 a.m.
HK AIRWAYS ex-Canton: 9.40 a.m., 11.40 a.m., 2.40 p.m., 4.40 p.m.; ex-Shanghai: 3 p.m.; ex-Manila: 2.40 p.m.
PAA ex-Manila: 2 p.m.; ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Wake, Tokyo, Shanghai: 3.30 p.m.
BOAC ex-Southampton, Bangkok: 3 p.m.; ex-Shanghai: 3 p.m.

Departures

TODAY

AIR FRANCE for Saigon: 12.30 p.m.
CNAC for Amoy via Swatow: 6 a.m., 10.15 a.m.; for Canton: 7.15 a.m., 8.05 a.m., 9.35 a.m., 11.55 a.m., 12.40 p.m., 2.15 p.m., 3 p.m.; Foochow via Canton: 7 a.m.; Shanghai: 12.45 p.m.; Shanghai via Canton, Foochow: 8 a.m.
CATC for Taipeh via Swatow, Amoy: 8 a.m.; Kunming: 7 a.m.; Shanghai: 10 a.m.
HK AIRWAYS for Canton: 8 a.m.; 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.
PAA for Bangkok: 3 p.m.

TOMORROW

CNAC for Amoy via Canton: 7 a.m., 11.15 a.m.; Canton: 8.05 p.m., 8.55 a.m., 10.25 a.m., 12.45 p.m., 1.30 p.m., 3.05 p.m., 3.50 p.m.; Hoihow via Canton: 8 a.m.; Honolulu via Shanghai, Tokyo: 8 a.m.; Shanghai: 8 a.m., 12.45 p.m., 2 p.m.
CATC for Shanghai via Canton, Swatow, Amoy: 8 a.m.; Canton: 3.15 p.m.
CPA for Manila: 3.30 p.m.
HK AIRWAYS for Canton: 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.; Shanghai: 10 a.m.; Manila: 11 a.m.
PAA for San Francisco via Manila, Guam, Wake, Midway, Honolulu: 4.45 p.m.
BOAC for Shanghai: 8.30 a.m.
BRAATHENS for Bangkok, Oslo: 8 a.m.

THURSDAY

AIR FRANCE for Shanghai: 7 p.m.
CNAC for Amoy via Swatow: 7 a.m., 11.15 a.m.; Canton: 8.05 a.m., 8.55 a.m., 10.25 a.m., 12.45 p.m., 1.30 p.m., 3.05 p.m., 3.50 p.m.; Foochow via Taipeh: 8 a.m.; Shanghai: 12.45 p.m.; Shanghai via Taipeh, Foochow: 8 a.m.; Taipeh: 8 a.m.; Taipan: 7.40 a.m.
CATC for Taipeh via Swatow, Amoy: 8 a.m.; Nanking via Canton, Nanchang: 8 a.m.; Amoy: 7 a.m.; Shanghai: 10 a.m.
CPA for Manila: 2.30 p.m.
HK AIRWAYS for Canton: 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.
PAA for San Francisco via Shanghai, Tokyo, Wake, Honolulu: 3 p.m.; Bangkok: 4.30 p.m.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 18
Closing Times by Air

Canton, (Kowloon CPO) 9 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m.; (GPO) 8.30 a.m., 11.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m.
Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Manila, Honolulu, USA and Canada, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.
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LOUIS SLOSS (USL) ex-Los Angeles.
SHENGKING (B & S) ex-Amoy.

Shipping Departures

YESTERDAY

ALAMO VICTORY (USL) for San Francisco.
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GLENORCHY (Jardine) for Singapore.
HAI TAI (CMSN) for Tsamkong.
JACOB LUCKENBACH (Gourlie) for Shanghai.
TURKSHEAD (Everett) for Bombay.

TODAY

BOUGAINVILLE (Bank) for Vancouver.
CHARLES E. DANT (Dodwell) for Los Angeles.
POYANG (B & S) for Kobe.
WOSANG (Jardine) for Straits.

TOMORROW

FRANCISVILLE (Bank) for Singapore.
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SOUTH AFRICA

	Jan.
RUYS (RIL)	18
BOISSEVAIN (RIL)	29

AMERICA
ATLANTIC COAST

	Jan.
COURSER (USL)	24
DONA ANICETA (Rama) via Los Angeles and San Francisco	29
FERNPLANT (Thoresen)	22
MEMNON (B & S) ex-New York via Manila	18
PIONEER LAKE (USL) ex-New York	30
PIONEER WAVE (USL) ex-New York via Panama	23
	Feb.
AMERICAN MAIL (Everett)	2
ARNOLD MAERSK (Jebsen) ex-New York	28
BELLEVILLE (Thoresen)	18
CHINA MAIL (Everett)	13
MANDEVILLE (Thoresen)	5
PIONEER WAVE (USL)	15
SALLY MAERSK (Jebsen) ex-New York	10
STEEL ADMIRAL (Gilman)	13
TONGHAI (Rama) via Los Angeles and San Francisco	7
	Mar.
FERNFIELD (Thoresen)	5
	April
FERNDALE (Thoresen)	15
HOPEVILLE (Thoresen)	15

Ordinary Airmail (printed matters, samples and small packet posts) for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and USA, (Kowloon CPO) 4.30 p.m., (GPO) 5 p.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Manila, 2 p.m.
Formosa via Takao, 2 p.m.
Straits, 2 p.m.
Canada, via Vancouver, (Par. and Reg.) 2.30 p.m., (Ord.) 3 p.m.
Bangkok, 3 p.m.
Swatow and Amoy, 3 p.m.
Foochow, Noon.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19
Closing Times by Air

Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30, a.m.
Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) Noon, (Ord.) 12.30 p.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsingtao and Peiping: Airmail for Amoy and Taipeh, (Reg.) 2 p.m., (Ord.) 2.30 p.m.
Airmail for Swatow: Airmail for Foochow, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Saigon, 10 a.m.
Swatow, 11 a.m.
Formosa via Keelung, 10 a.m.
Japan, 2 p.m.
Straits and Parcels only for Marseilles, 2 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20
Closing Times by Air

Airmail for Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bahrein, Alexandria (Nairobi, Johannesburg and Marseilles via Alexandria), Rome and London, Kowloon CPO: (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 4.30 p.m.; GPO: (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

PACIFIC COAST

	Jan.
FRANCISVILLE (Bank)	18
GOVERNOR DIXON (U.S.L.) ex-Los Angeles	19
JOPLIN VICTORY (USL) ex-San Francisco	16
LOUIS SLOSS (USL) ex-Los Angeles	19
MANKATO VICTORY (APL) ex-San Francisco	27
PRES. MADISON (APL)	20
SURPRISE (USL) ex-San Francisco	24
	Feb.
ARIZONA (Dodwell) ex-Los Angeles, San Francisco	13
KENNETH MCKAY (APL) ex-New Orleans	15
LUXEMBURG VICTORY (USL) ex-San Francisco	11
PHILIPPINE BEAR (U.S.L.) ex-San Francisco	2
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NEW WORLD VICTORY (U.S.L.) ex-San Francisco	6
	Mar.
CHARLES E. DANT (Dodwell) ex-Los Angeles, San Francisco	17

AUSTRALIA

	Jan.
AROS (Dodwell)	Mid
CHANGTE (B & S) ex-Sydney and Brisbane	20
	Feb.
KAFRISTAN (Jardine)	Early
CITOS (Dodwell)	Early
SHANSI (B & S)	1st wk.

CHINA

	Jan.
BRADEVERETT (Everett) ex-Shanghai	27
HEINRICH JESSEN (B & S) ex-Shanghai	19
MEERKERK (RIL) ex-Shanghai, Japan	27
SHENGKING (B & S) ex-Amoy	19
SIRDHANA (BI) ex-Shanghai	22
TASMAN (RIL) ex-Amoy	19
WINGSANG (Jardine) ex-Shanghai	23
	Feb.
SHIRALA (BI) ex-Amoy	9
TURKSHEAD (Everett) ex-Shanghai	1

EUROPE

	Jan.
BRECONSHIRE (Jardine) ex-UK via Straits	30
CYCLOPS (B & S) ex-UK via Straits	20
MALACCA (EAC)	18
TANTALAUS (B & S) ex-UK via Straits	22
TOMAIR (Thoresen)	Mid
	Feb.
ACHILLES (B & S) ex-UK via Straits	10
BENGAL (Gilman)	Mid
BENREOCH (Loxley)	Early
BENVENUE (Loxley)	Early
CARTHAGE (P & O) ex-London	14
GLENGARRY (Jardine) ex-UK via Straits	22
MEDON (B & S) ex-UK via Straits and Manila	4
MONGOLIA (EAC)	Mid
RAVNAS (Thoresen)	Mid.
RIJNKERK (RIL)	Early
SOMALI (P & O)	20
TREVELYAN (P & O)	30
TREVINCE (P & O)	26
	March
CORFU (P & O) ex-London	8
MANCHURIA (EA Co.)	Mid-
MELISKERK (RIL)	Early
	April
CANTON (P & O) ex-London	11
	May
CARTHAGE (P & O) ex-London	9
	June
CORFU (P & O) ex-London	8

INDIA

	Jan.
KUTSANG (Jardine) ex-Calcutta, Straits	24
SHIRALA (BI) ex-Calcutta	23
	Feb.
SIRDHANA (BI)	4
SANGOLA (BI) ex-Calcutta	14

JAPAN

	Jan.
SIRDHANA (BI)	22
TAKSANG (Jardine)	30
	Feb.
SHIRALA (BI)	8

SOUTH-EAST PORTS

	Jan.
ANHUI (B & S) ex-Singapore	25
FENGTIEN (B & S) ex-Java, Sg'pore	28
HINSANG (Jardine) ex-Sandakan	19
MAUSANG (Jardine) ex-Sandakan	22
PHILIPPINE TRANSPORT (Jardine) ex-Manila	25
KUTSANG (Jardine) ex-Straits	24
LINFIELD VICTORY (Jardine) ex-Manila	31
NEWCHANG (B & S) ex-Singapore	27
REDEVERETT (Everett) ex-Saigon	26
SHIRALA (BI) ex-Straits	22
TJITJALENGKA (RIL) ex-Straits	23
VAN REIMSDIJK (RIL) ex-Straits	27
YOCHOW (B & S) ex-Bangkok	28
	Feb.
TJISADANE (RIL) ex-Macassar	4

VANCOUVER

	Feb.
IDAHO (Dodwell)	15
	Mar.
MONTANA (Dodwell)	17

SOUTH AMERICA

	Jan.
RUYS (RIL)	18
	Mar.
BOISSEVAIN (RIL)	29
STRAAT MALAKKA (RIL)	2

SAILINGS TO

SOUTH AFRICA

Jan.
25 TEGELBERG (RIL).
Feb.
25 RUYS (RIL).
Mar.
29 STRAAT MALAKKA (RIL).
April
15 BOISSEVAIN (RIL).

AMERICA
ATLANTIC COAST

Jan.
23 BENARES (Rama)
23 BORCHOLT (Wallem) for New York, Baltimore via Panama.
23 STEEL FLYER (Gilman) via Panama.
24 CHRISTER SALEN (Hunt).
25 COURSER (USL) for New York and Boston.
30 MADAKET (Wallem) for New York.
31 DONA ANICETA (Rama) via Los Angeles and San Francisco.
Feb.
1 KYSKA (Wallem) for New York, Baltimore via Panama.
3 AMERICAN MAIL (Everett).
6 MANDEVILLE (Thoresen) via Manila and Suez.
6 STEEL SEAFARER (Gilman) for New York.
8 TREIN MAERSK (Jebsen) for New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore.
14 CHINA MAIL (Everett).
16 PIONEER WAVE (USL) for New York, Boston.
Mar.
2 STEEL WORKER (Gilman) for New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia.
6 FERNFIELD (Thoresen) via Manila and Suez.
Apr.
16 HOPEVILLE (Thoresen) via Manila and Suez.

PACIFIC COAST

Jan.
18 BOUGAINVILLE (Bank) for Vancouver.
18 CHARLES E. DANT (Dodwell) for Los Angeles, San Francisco.
19 PRESIDENT TAFT (APL) for San San Francisco.
19 VIGNES (Wallem).
21 TARIFA (Dodwell) via Shanghai and Japan.
24 PRESIDENT MADISON (APL) for San Francisco via Shanghai and Japan.
25 SURPRISE (USL) for San Francisco.
25 MANKATO VICTORY (APL) for Los Angeles and San Francisco.
27 JOPLIN VICTORY (USL) for San Francisco, Los Angeles.
30 GENERAL GORDON (A.P.L.) for San Francisco via Shanghai and Japan.
Feb.
8 PHILIPPINE BEAR (USL) for San Francisco.
4 SEA SERPENT (USL) for San Francisco.
6 NEW YORK VICTORY (U.S.L.) for San Francisco.
10 PRES. PIERCE (APL) for San Francisco via Japan.
12 LUXEMBOURG VICTORY (USL) for San Francisco.
12 PRES. CLEVELAND (APL) for San Francisco via Shanghai and Japan.
14 ARIZONA (Dodwell) for Los Angeles and San Francisco.
18 GEN. MEIGS (APL) for Honolulu and San Francisco.
Mar.
Mid. TRITON (Dodwell) via Shanghai and Japan.
18 CHARLES E. DANT (Dodwell) for Los Angeles and San Francisco.

AUSTRALIA

Mar.
Early KAFRISTAN (Jardine) for Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne.
End wk. SHANSI (B & S) for Sydney, Melbourne.

CHINA

Jan.
19 HAIYANG (Douglas) for Swatow.
19 HAN MIN (CMSN) for Takao and Shanghai.
21 HUNAN (B & S) for Inchon and Pusan.
21 SHENGKING (B & S) for Shanghai.
22 HINSANG (Jardine), for Shanghai.
22 KAFRISTAN (Jardine) for Shanghai
22 PEIPER (CMSN) for Shanghai.
23 WOSANG (Jardine) for Foochow.
25 TSINAN (B & S) for Swatow.
26 WINGSANG (Jardine) for Keelung.
26 SHIRALA (BI) for Amoy and Japan.
27 BEDEVERETT (Everett) for S'hai.
Feb.
17 SANGOLA (BI) for Amoy and Japan.
28 TREVINCE (P & O) for Shanghai and Japan.

EUROPE

Jan.
OLUF MAERSK (Gilman).
30 BENVRACKIE (Loxley) for Aden, Port Said, Liverpool.
30 SURAT (P & O) for London via Straits and Colombo.
31 CANTON (P & O) for London.
Feb.
14 CHAMPOLLION (MM) for Marseilles
24 AENEAS (B & S) for Genoa via Port Said.
28 MEERKERK (RIL) for Amsterdam, Hamburg via Suez.
End. CITY OF DURHAM (Bank).
Feb.
Early. BENVENUE (Loxley).
3 TREVEAN (P & O) for London and Continent.
4 TONGHAI (Gilman).
6 ANCHISES (B & S) for Havre, Liverpool via Port Said.
10 MALACCA (EA Co.) for Aden, Port Said, Genoa, Oslo.
1st half. BENREOCH (Loxley) for Aden, Port Said.
Mid. BENVENUE (Loxley) for UK.
Mid. BRECONSHIRE (Jardine) for U.K. via Suez.
Mid. RIJNKERK (RIL) via Manila and Straits.
18 CARTHAGE (P & O).
Beg. MONGOLIA (EA Co.).
Mar.
14 CORFU (P & O).
Mid. GLENGARRY (Jardine) for UK via Suez.
Mid. SOMALI (P & O) for London and Continent.
Mid. MELISKERK (RIL) via Straits.
April
15 CANTON (P & O) for London.
Beg. MONGOLIA (EA Co.).
May
13 CARTHAGE (P & O) for London.
June
8 CORFU (P. & O.)

INDIA

Jan.
25 SIRDHANA (BI) for Calcutta.
26 SIRDHANA (BI) for Calcutta.
Feb.
3 TREVEAN (Mac Mac) for Bombay.
13 SHIRALA (BI) for Calcutta.

JAPAN

Jan.
18 POYANG (B & S) for Kobe and Yokohama.
20 LOUIS SLOSS (USL) for Kamaishi.
20 GOVERNOR DIXON (USL) for Yokohama.
23 KAFRISTAN (Jardine).
23 SIRDHANA (BI).
25 SHIRALA (BI).
31 KUTSANG (Jardine).
Feb.
1st wk. CHANGTE (B & S).
17 SANGOLA (BI).

SOUTH-EAST PORTS

Jan.
18 WOSANG (Jardine) for Straits.
19 FRANCISVILLE (Bank) for Singapore, Penang and Batavia.
20 HEINRICH JESSEN (B & S) for Singapore.
20 LOKSANG (Jardine) for Straits and Calcutta.
21 HAI HSIA (CMSN) for Singapore.
21 TASMAN (R.I.L.) for Java Ports.
24 TAKSANG (Jardine) for Straits.
24 PIONEER WAVE (USL) for Manila.
25 SIRDHANA (BI) for Straits.
26 NINGHAI (B & S) for Singapore and Penang.
26 SURAT (P. & O.) for Straits and Colombo.
28 MEERKERK (RIL) for Manila
28 MANKATO VICTORY (APL) for Manila.
29 BRADEVERETT (Everett) for Manila.
30 MAUSANG (Jardine) for Sandakan.
31 PIONEER LAKE (USL) for Manila.
Feb.
2 TREVEAN (P & O) for Straits.
3 TJISADAK (R.I.L.) for Java Ports.
4 VAN RIEBSDIJK (RIL) for Straits.
13 SHIRALA (BI) for Straits.
End. KAFRISTAN (Jardine) for Manila.
17 TJISADANE (RIL) for Java Ports.
20 VAN HEUTSZ (RIL) for Straits.
End. TRITON (Dodwell) for Manila.
Mar.
2 TJITJALENGKA (RIL) for Macassar, Pacific Coast.

SOUTH AMERICA

Feb.
24 TEGELBERG (RIL).
25 RUYS (RIL).
Mar.
22 STRAAT SOENDA (RIL).
April
15 BOISSEVAIN (RIL).

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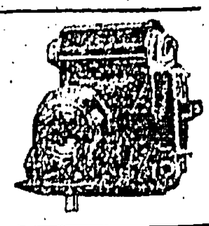

CHINA MAIL

HONG KONG, TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1949.

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CHESTERFIELD WINS P. & O. CUP, PAYS BIGGEST WIN DIVIDEND

Chesterfield ridden by Mr. C. L. Gregory, won the P. & O. Cup at Happy Valley yesterday, and paid the biggest win dividend of the day—HK$93.60.

It was the main event of the day, being confined to class 2 ponies that had won no less than two races since January 1, 1948.

Chesterfield's win was a spectacular one, for until the home stretch it had kept well in the rear, with Panda, the second pony, well in the lead. In a neck to neck contest in the last stretch, it shot past the winning post three quarters of a length ahead of Panda.

Lily, the hot favourite, failed to secure a place.

The P. & O. Cup was presented to Mrs. Allen Ng, wife of the owner, by Lady Craig Myle, wife of Lord Craig Myle, a Director of the P. & O. Steam Navigation Co. Ltd.

Favourites again had the best of the day, and dividends in most of the events were low. A few red hots were displaced by seconds and thirds in the betting.

Mr. J. Pote-Hunt, veteran Hong Kong and Shanghai jockey, created a record in local racing when he brought home five winners out of eight ponies he rode.

My Love, which was disqualified on Saturday for crossing, was again disqualified yesterday for the same offence.

Only three ponies entered for the Chinese Club Cup, which was won by Home Builder, ridden by Mr. B.L. Tao.

The cup was presented to the owners, Mr. Wong Kam-fan and Mr. Yuen Shui-lam, by the chairman of the Chinese Club, Mr. Leung Fat-tin.

Following are the results:—

Old Course Handicap

Race 1—(First Section). For Australian Ponies Class 5. From the two mile post once round and in (about one mile 171 yards).

1, Heroic Lassie; 2, The Dingo; 3, Seafire; 4, Briviste.

Won by 1½ lengths; two lengths.

Time: 1.58.2.

Pari-Mutuel Win $10.50; Places $6.10, $8.90, $7.10.

BETTING:—Briviste, 150 (A. Ostroumoff), Win 883, Place 731; Care Free, 145 (C.L. Gregory), 468, 384; Countless Delight, 136 (Peter Young), 1,192, 618; Desert Knight, 159 (H. Maitland), 195, 86; Flying Tiger, 154 (R.A. Castro), 316, 126; Heroic Lassie, 150 (J. Pote-Hunt), 5,140, 2,478; Hot Point, 138 (S.W. Lee), 421, 186; Mayber, 145 (Wong Yan), 10, 18; Seafire, 148 (K.F. Chiu), 2,892, 1,868; Souvenir, 145 (L.S. Miu), 13, 41; The Dingo, 147 (K. Kwok), 1,166, 736; Tootsie, 146 (B.K.C. Chui), 280, 890; Total Win 13,846, Place 7,199.

Valley Stakes

Race 2—(First Section). For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1949. Winners barred. Six furlongs.

1, Fairy Feet; 2, Amarant; 3, Top Hat; 4, Probability.

Won by three lengths; many lengths.

Time: 1.18.2.

Pari-Mutuel Win $17.10; Places $5.10, $5.10, $5.10.

BETTING:—Amarant, 147 (H. Maitland), Win 7,995, Place 2,281; Barbarian, 147 (Peter Young), 24, 28; By-the-Way, 147 (K. Kwok), 60, 77; Condor, 147 (L.S. Miu), 19, 7; Cougee, 148 (C.L. Gregory), 173, 169; Fairy Feet, 147 (J. Pote-Hunt), 3,296, 1,179; Probability, 147 (K.F. Chiu), 182, 224; Racing Queen, 147 (T.D. Dau), 27, 7; Top Hat, 147 (W.F.M. Cook), 1,100, 710; United Victory, 147 (Wong Yan), 9, 18; Total Win 12,886, Place 4,705.

Chinese Club Cup

Race 3—For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1949. One and a quarter miles.

1, Home Builder; 2, Rowanglen; 3, The Alligator.

Won by 2½ lengths; many lengths.

Time: 2.19.1.

Pari-Mutuel Win $6.50; Places $6.50.

BETTING:—Home Builder, 150 (B.L. Tao), Win 3,858, Place 672; Rowanglen, 147 (A. Ostroumoff), 1,170, 176; The Alligator, 147 (Wong Yan), 669, 103; Total Win 5,706, Place 846.

Valley Stakes

Race 4—(Second Section). For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1949. Winners barred. Six furlongs.

1, Pay Day; 2, Sparkling Star; 3, Amazing; 4, Unicorn.

Won by 2½ lengths; six lengths.

Time: 1.18.2.

Pari-Mutuel Win $10.20; Places $5.60, $5.70, $7.40.

BETTING:—Amazing, 148 (C.L. Gregory), Win 487, Place 501; Jasmin, 147 (S.W. Lee), 86, 41; Mercury, 147 (W.F.M. Cook), 291, 210; Pay Day, 147 (K. Kwok), 7,166, 2,012; Sparkling Star, 147 (A. Ostroumoff), 5,747, 1,664; Sportsmaster, 148 (B.L. Tao), 628, 306; The Hopeful, 147 (L.S. Miu), 40, 82; Unicorn, 147 (W.K. Shieh), 2,555, 823; Total Win 16,850, Place 5,638.

Valley Stakes

Race 5—(Third Section). For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1949. Winners barred. Six furlongs.

1, My Love; 2, V.I.P.; 3, Sparkling Eyes; 4, High Speed.

Won by 1½ lengths; many lengths.

Time: 1.19.1.

Pari-Mutuel Win $13.40; Places $6.20, $6.60, $8.60.

BETTING:—Glacial Lake, 147 (Wong Yan), Win 40, Place 51; High Speed, 146 (C.L. Gregory), 7,816, 2,176; My Love, 149 (J. Pote-Hunt), 6,886, 2,299; Reputation, 147 (W.F.M. Cook), 267, 276; Sparkling Eyes, 147 (K.F. Chiu), 1,630, 791; Stayer, 147 (T.B. Dau), 24, 44; V.I.P., 147 (A. Ostroumoff), 4,388, 1,734; Yacal, 147 (Peter Young), 67, 119; Total Win 21,124, Place 7,490.

P. & O. Cup

Race 6—A handicap for Australian Ponies Class 2. Winners of less than two races since January 1, 1948 barred. One and a quarter miles.

1, Chesterfield; 2, Panda; 3, Sunshine; 4, V-J Day.

Won by ¾ length; many lengths.

Time: 2.14.2.

Pari-Mutuel Win $93.60; Places $27.60, $27.30; $47.90.

BETTING:—Chesterfield, 152 (C.L. Gregory), Win 1,184, Place 717; Cooper, 152 (J. Pote-Hunt), 1,305, 784; Flying Arrow, 152 (W.K. Shieh), 3,785, 1,249; Happy Valley, 150 (B.L. Tao), 3,143, 2,038; Kentucky Moon, 145 (H. Maitland), 516, 704; Lily, 158 (S.W. Lee), 5,420, 2,261; Panda, 148 (K.F. Chiu), 1,497, 729; Pearl Diver, 147 (W.F.M. Cook), 2,460, 1,469; Sunshine, 146 (H.T. Alexander), 1,081, 379; V-J Day, 147 (K. Kwok), 4,669, 2,784; Wodonga, 152 (Peter Young), 110, 148; Total Win 25,379, Place 12,262.

Valley Stakes

Race 7—(Fourth Section). For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1949. Winners barred. Six furlongs.

1, Southeast Wind; 2, Madame Butterfly; 3, Stirling Castle; 4, Pegasus.

Won by many lengths; two lengths.

Time: 1.20.1.

Pari-Mutuel Win $14.10; Places $7.20, $12.10, $13.20.

BETTING:—Arabian Dagger, 147 (Wong Yan), Win 1,007, Place 395; Baron, 147 (K.F. Chiu), 1,855, 699; Bitter Sweet, 147 (Peter Young), 95, 86; Jennifer, 147 (H. Maitland), 582, 512; Kolinsky, 148 (H.T. Alexander), 250, 204; Mabel, 147 (T.D. Dau), 153, 128; Madame Butterfly, 147 (C.L. Gregory), 1,395, 779; Morning Sky, 147 (K. Kwok), 141, 284; Pegasus, 147 (L.S. Miu), 343, 332; South East Wind, 148 (J. Pote-Hunt), 5,457, 2,462; Stirling Castle, 147 (W.F.M. Cook), 530, 678; Zephyr, 150 (B.L. Tao), 6,361, 1,820; Total Win 17,729, Place 8,817.

Valley Stakes

Race 8—(Fifth Section). For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1949. Winners barred. Six furlongs.

1, Dig'empots; 2, Poker Face; 3, Araxy; 4, Trigger.

Won by five lengths; two lengths.

Time: 1.22.1.

Pari-Mutuel Win $28.60; Places $6.80, $5.60, $7.40.

BETTING:—Araxy, 147 (H. Maitland), Win 2,881, Place 1,144; Atomic Power, 147 (R.A. Castro), 291, 328; Canadian Potato, 147 (Peter Young), 181, 108; Dig'empots, 147 (J. Pote-Hunt), 2,491, 1,480; Mastery, 147 (Wong Yan), 564, 768; Mimi, 148 (H.T. Alexander), 195, 208; Poker Face, 147 (A. Ostroumoff), 9,021, 4,181; Roslyn, 147 (K. Kwok), 1,782, 1,267; Trigger, 147 (T.D. Dau), 48, 180; Total Win 16,904, Place 9,612.

Old Course Handicap

Race 9—(Second Section). For Australian Ponies Class 5. From the two mile post once round and in (about one mile 171 yards).

1, Minx; 2, Trade Wind; 3, Possibility; 4, Fiesta.

Won by three lengths; half a length.

Time: 1.59.0.

Pari-Mutuel Win $11.00; Places $6.60, $7.90, $10.70.

BETTING:—A Grand Time, 148 (J. Pote-Hunt), Win 849, Place 612; Amigo, 157 (R.A. Castro), 449, 162; Arabian Moon, 148 (Wong Yan), 72, 88; Battlefield, 154 (B.L. Tao), 2,678, 838; Empress of Peace, 152 (K. Kwok), 2,780, 1,805; Fiesta, 147 (C.L. Gregory), 1,627, 1,161; Jump Did, 146 (T.D. Dau), 127, 129; Minx, 151 (A. Ostroumoff), 10,480, 4,085; National Gift, 147 (W.F.M. Cook), 690, 518; Nevertire, 147 (Peter Young), 90, 104; Possibility, 140 (K.F. Chiu), 2,804, 1,180; Trade Wind, 146 (H. Maitland), 2,994, 2,207; Windermere, 144 (R.K.C. Chui), 190, 96; Total Win 26,526, Place 12,928.

Valley Stakes

Race 10—(Sixth Section). For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1949. Winners barred. Six furlongs.

1, Gypsy Girl; 2, Blacksmith; 3, Liberty Diamond; 4, Shaffle.

Won by 1½ lengths; many lengths.

Time: 1.21.2.

Pari-Mutuel Win $35.40; Places $9.00, $5.60, $5.60.

BETTING:—Blacksmith, 149 (B.L. Tao), Win 3,804, Place 2,200; Gypsy Girl, 147 (H. Maitland), 2,537, 964; Hop Yick, 148 (J. Pote-Hunt), 1,129, 565; Liberty Diamond, 147 (K.F. Chiu), 5,816, 2,054; Public Opinion, 147 (L.S. Miu), 246, 172; Shaffle, 147 (R.A. Castro), 1,418, 559; Silver Spear, 147 (Wong Yan), 280, 224; Small Dragon, 147 (Peter Young), 567, 128; Vanguard, 147 (H.T. Alexander), 849, 426; Total Win 20,899, Place 9,418.

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3rd "	1701	231

Unplaced Ponies (HK$100 each)
Nos. 194, 47, 646, 671, 1211, 2331, 1517, 2085, 319.

RACE 2

1st No.	1460	HK$1,031
2nd "	2271	523
3rd "	1363	262

Unplaced Ponies (HK$100 each)
Nos. 2472, 786, 3021, 1010, 10, 1039, 139.

RACE 3

1st No.	3294	HK$2,502
2nd "	2470	715
3rd "	988	357

RACE 4

1st No.	2259	HK$2,258
2nd "	66	645
3rd "	1736	323

Unplaced Ponies (HK$100 each)
Nos. 1770, 2510, 3018, 1589, 334.

RACE 5

1st No.	2318	HK$2,682
2nd "	1846	706
3rd "	2793	383

Unplaced Ponies (HK$100 each)
Nos. 2304, 2382, 132, 3222, 20.

RACE 6

1st No.	2322	HK$2,631
2nd "	637	751
3rd "	930	376

Unplaced Ponies (HK$100 each)
Nos. 3536, 2464, 2932, 1364, 58, 2852, 2992, 2211.

RACE 7

1st No.	445	HK$2,734
2nd "	3621	781
3rd "	192	391

Unplaced Ponies (HK$100 each)
Nos. 2622, 4408, 2760, 792, 3342, 2321, 1180, 2335, 1194.

RACE 8

1st No.	4168	HK$3,133
2nd "	3540	895
3rd "	3541	448

Unplaced Ponies (HK$100 each)
Nos. 254, 873, 4630, 4585, 1773, 3538.

RACE 9

1st No.	1839	HK$3,125
2nd "	819	893
3rd "	3292	447

Unplaced Ponies (HK$100 each)
Nos. 1929, 418, 4854, 4468, 3170, 2557, 3002, 3167, 1851, 3312.

RACE 10

1st No.	3470	HK$4,998
2nd "	2869	1,428
3rd "	1396	714

Unplaced Ponies (HK$100 each)
Nos. 3193, 6143, 937, 7240, 3894, 7088.

First Prize: $765,676.80!

The last number of the Hong Kong Derby cash sweeps tickets sold was 1,688,000.

The numbers will be drawn at 9.30 a.m. today.

The winner of the first prize will be richer by HK$765,676.80.

Selections For Today

(By "RAPIER")

Race No. 1
JEEP LEE
ROSE EMME
DOMINION DAY
Outsider: Pleasant Valley.

Race No. 2
FIRST ALARM
NERVOUS WITNESS
SPEED WHEEL
Outsider: Roue d'or.

Race No. 3
COLONIA
NOONDAY SUN
DASHING BEAUTY II
Outsider: Toowoomba Boy.

Race No. 4
RINGMER
AMARANT
FLYING KNIGHT
Outsider: Reputation.

Race No. 5
MY LOVE
FLORELLA
JETFIRE
Outsider: Daylight.

Race No. 6
SKYMASTER
BEN WYVIS
GOLDEN DAHLIA
Outsider: Durhess Delight.

Race No. 7
MANIAC
LIBERTY SHIP
PROBABILITY
Outsider: Router.

Race No. 8
D DAY
ASCOT BEAUTY
CROWN WITNESS
Outsider: Blue Sky.

Race No. 9
PAY DAY
HOME BUILDER
SHUN LEE
Outsider: Fairy Feet.

Race No. 10
HIGHLIGHT
EMPRESS DELIGHT
EASY-GOING
Outsider: Lady Gloucester.

Lady Graigmyle Presents Cup

Lady Graigmyle presents the P & O Cup to Mrs. Allen Ng after the 6th Race, in which Gregory, on Chesterfield, came in first to pay the day's biggest win dividend.—"China Mail" Photo.

Ben Hogan Continues To Win On Golf Green

Pebble Beach, California, January 16.

Ben Hogan renewed his stranglehold on the nation's championships today as he carded 68, 70, 70—208—to capture the singles crown in the US$10,000 Bing Crosby National Pro-Amateur tournament.

Baseball manager Left O'Doul and professional Bill Nary of Los Angeles won the pro-amateur doubles crown with 61, 66, 69—196.

The brilliant Hogan, coming back from the depths of the mid-winter slump, was at the height of his efficiency and consistency as he toured three courses during this tournament and picked up first prize money in the Singles Division of $2,000.

Starting off the round trailing amateur Frank Stranahan by one stroke, Hogan clipped two strokes off par on rugged Pebble Beach—a performance seldom equalled. He bypassed the second-day leader Stranahan today and Bill Nary, first-day singles leader, faded out of the picture completely this afternoon with two over par, 74.

The tournament, played in perfect weather, attracted a record-breaking 15,000 fans for the final day.

Big Jim Ferrier, transplanted Australian now playing out of Chicago, won second money in the pro singles division with 69, 70, 71—210—and Jimmy Demaret, who shot nearly as consistently as Hogan, finished third with 69, 70, 72—211.

The rest of the field was widely scattered and not even Hogan's three rounds of 208 came near the 205 with which Lloyd Mangrum won the tournament last year. This season Mangrum took 219.—United Press.

Referees Meet On Question Of Affiliation

The question of whether or not they should be affiliated to the Hong Kong FA was discussed during a Referees' Meeting held at the office of the Hong Kong FA last night.

In the absence of Mr. A.E.P. Guest, their Chairman, the chair was occupied by Mr. C. Turistall.

Captain Stone said that they had discussed the question of affiliation for a long time without any results.

"In the eyes of the public," continued Captain Stone, "we have been made to look like a bunch of school children.

"You know for a fact that we are not a recognised body, and affiliation is the only course open to us. It is just a sheer waste of time and it has done us more harm than good," he said.

Mr. J.F. da Silva said that their referees' cards are supposed to entitle them to watch any game under the jurisdiction of the HKFA and wondered why referees were not admitted to games played by the Koreans. However, he was glad to say that their Chairman, Mr. Guest, received two tickets to the games and an invitation to dinner.

Mr. Padley said that one cannot walk into any football field to see a game in England just because one is a referee.

It was decided to hold an Extraordinary General Meeting on Tuesday, February 1, at the HKFA Office at 8.30 p.m. when the question of affiliation will be decided.

LOCAL LEAGUE STANDINGS

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	Pts
S. China "A"	12	11	1	0	88	12	23
K. Motor Bus	11	9	0	2	35	12	18
Chinese AA..	12	8	1	3	31	19	17
Army	12	7	2	3	30	22	16
Kit Chee ...	12	6	1	5	37	26	13
S China "B"	12	5	3	4	31	30	13
Eastern	11	5	2	4	25	22	12
St. Joseph's..	11	4	2	5	26	23	10
Club	11	2	2	6	17	25	6
Police	10	2	2	5	17	25	7
Navy	12	2	2	8	17	35	6
RAF	12	1	2	9	17	46	4
Kwong Wah..	12	1	1	10	14	37	3

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	Pts
Chinese AA..	14	12	0	2	56	14	24
South China..	15	11	2	2	55	14	24
K. Motor Bus	12	9	2	1	50	18	20
Army-Kl. ...	12	9	2	1	41	15	20
Navy	14	8	2	4	49	17	18
Army-HK ...	13	8	1	4	36	20	17
Kit Chee ...	14	6	5	3	26	18	17
Tramways ...	13	5	3	5	26	31	13
Police	14	4	4	6	20	35	12
PCA	13	5	1	7	26	34	11
Club	14	4	2	8	19	40	10
Dockyard ...	14	4	2	8	28	43	10
St. Joseph's..	13	4	1	10	24	37	9
Talkoo	13	4	0	9	20	38	8
WD Chinese..	14	3	2	10	21	57	8
Solicitors' ..	14	0	0	14	12	60	0

MEETING ON INTERPORT GAMES

A meeting of the Interport Sub-Committee of the Hong Kong Football Association will be held at the Association's office on Thursday, January 20, at 5.15 p.m.

Business: To select teams for Saigon Series:

1 Hong Kong team (Interport).
2 Combined Chinese team.
3 Combined Non-Chinese team.

Draws For World Soccer Cup Competition In 1950

Geneva, January 16.

England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland will form a pool for the 1950 world soccer cup competition, from which two teams will qualify for the 16-nation final rounds to be played in Brazil.

This was announced here today by the organising committee of the competition.

The two teams from this British pool will accompany six other finalists from Europe and the Near East, while South America will send five finalists. North and Central America will furnish two finalists and Asia one.

The preliminary rounds must be completed by April 28, 1950, and the finals are to be played in Brazil between June 29 and July 16 of that year.

The four-man organising committee drew up the eliminator rounds as follows:

Europe and Near East group: Turkey v Syria (winner to play Austria to produce one finalist); Yugoslavia v Palestine (winner to play France to produce one finalist); Switzerland v Luxembourg (winner to play Belgium for one finalist); Finland v Eire (winner to play Sweden to produce one finalist); Spain v Portugal (winner to enter the final rounds); England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland to produce two finalists from their pool; Italy, as holders of the trophy since it was last decided in 1938, pass straight into the final rounds.

Asia Group

South American group: Argentina, Chile and Bolivia to form a pool to produce two finalists; Uruguay, Peru and Ecuador to produce two finalists; Brazil, as the host nation, pass straight into the final rounds.

North and Central American group: United States, Cuba and Mexico to produce two finalists.

Asia group: Burma, All-India and the Philippines to produce one finalist.

Indonesia is not listed as she has not been definitely affiliated to the International Federation.

The organising committee decided that the finals should be played every Thursday and Sunday, starting Thursday, June 29, 1950. They will be played in Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paolo and perhaps Bellozante under International Board regulations.

Following a ten-day meeting, the chairman, Mr. Karel Lotsy, The Netherlands, said that the committee's next meeting will be held in Amsterdam next April.

"We will need many more meetings to organise the whole thing," he said. He added that the question of referees has not yet been touched upon.—Reuter.

Parade In West Berlin Broken Up

Berlin, January 16.

German police in the American sector of Berlin today detained three men and broke up groups of people who were marching to the official demonstration held in the Soviet sector in honour of the first World War Communist leaders, Rosa Luxemburg and Karl Liebknecht.

Police officials denied a Soviet-sponsored report that they had taken away Red flags from the demonstrators as they left the Western sectors.

The three men were released shortly afterwards. The police explain that demonstrations or gatherings of more than five persons can only be held with the permission of the sector authorities.

According to the account of the Soviet-licensed agency, ADN, 100,000 Berlin inhabitants filed past the graves of the Communist martyrs of the abortive 1918 Revolution.

(Luxemburg and Liebknecht were assassinated on January 15, 1919).—Reuter.

Deserters Lodge An Appeal

London, January 16.

Forty Indian seamen, sentenced to four weeks' imprisonment for deserting their ship at the Albert Docks last Tuesday, have lodged an appeal and are being allowed bail pending the appeal.

At East Ham Court, the Indian seamen's welfare officer from India House submitted £200 as bail at £5 per seamen. The seamen's counsel, giving notice of appeal, said the men had pleaded guilty to disobeying the Chief Officer's orders and walking off the ship. He said the seamen wished to appeal against the unduly harsh sentences.

Officials of India House said it is understood the maximum sentence for such an offence is forfeiture of six days' pay.

The seamen left their ship at the Albert Docks last Monday because they objected to taking another long trip to Durban, South Africa, saying it contravened their contract.—United Press.

AMPON DEFENDS TENNIS TITLE

Manila, January 17.

Felicisimo Ampon, Philippine tennis champion, defended his Metropolitan singles title yesterday by trouncing Raymundo Deyro, the nation's No. 2 player, by 7-5, 1-6, 6-2, 6-2.

After the first two sets, Ampon demonstrated his superiority and forced the play throughout, often catching his younger rival flat-footed.

The crowd of 3,000 fans gave both players a big ovation.—United Press.

HOFF LEAVES FOR AMERICA

Frankfurt, January 16.

Burly Hein Ten Hoff, "Hamburg butcher boy", who hopes to bring back the heavyweight crown that Max Schmeling once wore, left for the United States by plane tonight.

He said: "Schmeling is no friend of mine." He then dropped the subject.

Ten Hoff, former German Tank Corps corporal, turned pro in 1945. Since then he has scored 14 knock-outs, two decisions and one draw.—United Press.

PATTY - LANDRY WIN DOUBLES

Paris, January 16.

Budge Patty teamed with Nelly Landry, the French woman star, to take the mixed doubles final in the indoor tournament of the Racing Club of France today.

In the men's singles final, Jacques Thomas beat Jean Borotra 6-4, 6-3, 3-6, 7-5.

Patty and Mrs. Landry beat a French team 6-2, 6-4 in a fast game.—United Press.

Soccer Programme

The following is the soccer programme for this coming weekend:—

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22.

First Division

CAA v Kwong Wah; Boundary, 4 p.m.; Referee: J.G. Padley; Linesmen: W. Crawford and Liu Shiu Ming.

Army v KMB; Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.; Referee: J.F. da Silva; Linesmen: F.A. Barretto and Mak Yeung Fai.

Second Division

Army-Kl. v Club; Boundary, 2.30 p.m.; Referee: W. Crawford.

WD Chinese v Army-HK; Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.; Referee: F.A. Barretto.

PCA v Navy; Navy, 2.30 p.m.; Referee: Pte. Collins.

Solicitors' v Dockyard; Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.; Referee: D.P. Lai.

Kit Chee v CAA; Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.; Referee: W. Gaffney.

SUNDAY, January 23.

First Division

RAF v Eastern; Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.; Referee: A. Guest; Linesmen: J. Day and A. Roboiro.

South China "A" v Kit Chee; Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.; Referee: A.F. Willis; Linesmen: P.P. Li and Y.T. Leung.

St. Joseph's v Club; Club, 4 p.m.; Referee: L.G. Young; Linesmen: Sgt. Manson and T. George.

Police v Navy; Postponed.

South China "B" (bye).

Second Division

South China v Police; Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.; Referee: A. Leck.

Talkoo v St. Joseph's; Club, 2.30 p.m.; Referee: Sgt. Manson.

Tramways v Eastern; Cancelled.

University v KMB; Cancelled.

Navy Takes Up Softball

Sportsmen in the Royal Navy have taken up softball. Their keen interest in the game is seen in the teams they have organised and the trial games they have played during the past week.

They are willing to play any civilian team.

On Wednesday at Happy Valley a team from HMS Tamar will play a combined team from USS Wiltsie and USS Hamner. The game will start at 2 p.m.

Tamar will be represented by Yeo, Chamberlain, catcher; Yeo, Mathieson, captain (pitcher); Yeo, McFarlane (short stop); A.B. Sanders (first base); Yeo, Griffiths (second base); E.R.A. Miller (third base); Sig. Jacobs (right outfield); Tel. Sadie (centre field) and Yeo, Bloomfield (left outfield).

NO MONEY - BACK GUARANTEE

Frankfurt, January 16.

Indignant when the referee stopped play, 7,000 football fans in Frankfurt today stormed the box office, injured the cashier, and got away with handfuls of money.

Mounted police restored order. The fans argued that the referee should have known the pitch would be boggy after rain. He stopped the play after 25 minutes.—Reuter.

CLUB XV

The following will represent the Club in a rugby match against 25th Field Regiment RA on the Club ground at 5.15 p.m. tomorrow:—

Mackie, Orchard, Bluck, Small, Robertson, Grey, Clemp, Baker, Wyatt, Johnson, Minto, Cowley, Douglas, Plowden and Fitzroy-Williams.

Military Materials For Russia

Frankfurt, January 16.

Russia has given top priority to the buying of such German products as aircraft engine parts, machine tools, ball and roller bearings and other military materials.

"It must be millions of dollars' worth," says one Western expert. General Lucius Clay, the U.S. European commander, said that perhaps US$200,000,000 worth of materials is being smuggled from Western Germany into Russia each year.

Most smuggling is done by Russian agents. Russia ordered her agents, already deployed to skim a profit from Europe's extensive black market, to concentrate on Germany when the West sealed occupation zone borders in retaliation for the Berlin blockade.

When the West struck still further at the economy of Eastern Europe by tightening controls of the sealed border, agents turned to Switzerland as the easiest channel Eastward for goods smuggled from Germany.

The prices of machine products and bearings have rocketed out of all proportion to the world market in certain areas of that country.—United Press.

Morrison's Attack On Communism

Newcastle, January 16.

The Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison, told a Labour Party meeting here today that the arrest of Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of the Catholic Church in Hungary, had shocked the whole free world.

"It does not matter what country behind the Iron Curtain a man is in or what stand he takes," Mr. Morrison continued. "Whatever his convictions, there is no place for anyone unless he submits to the Communist line and to absolute Communist control."

He said there is unmistakable evidence that the Communists do not intend to rest until they have liquidated every vestige of freedom in the countries under their control.

"Let us hope that light will penetrate and that wisdom and better counsels will yet prevail," he added.—Reuter.

Outbreak Of Yellow Fever

Washington, January 16.

The United States Public Health Service has ordered quarantine officers at ports of entry to take extraordinary precautions to prevent yellow fever carriers from entering this country.

In the meantime, the Pan-American Sanitary Bureau announces that a crew of its members are flying to Panama City to help combat the first outbreak of the dread jungle fever in Panama in 20 years.

Dr. John R. Murdock, assistant director of the Bureau, said eight cases of "Yellow Jack" have been discovered in the Panamanian town of Pacora.

"This outbreak is of international significance," he said, "because it shows that the old terror of the tropics still lurks in the jungles and is apt to break out almost anywhere."—United Press.

A meeting of the Emergency Committee of the Hong Kong Football Association will be held at the Association's office on Thursday, January 20, at 5.30 p.m.

Referee's Report regarding Korean Series. HKFA vs. Korean FA played on Sunday, January 9.

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